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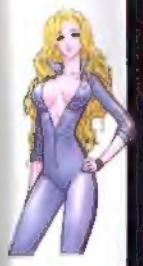

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Vera and Gangryong

SCREECH

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HERE?

YUP~

WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN HERE...?

THE DIRECTOR IS IN THE DUMMY LAB DOWNSTAIRS.

PLEASE WAIT A WHILE.

NOW I REMEMBER. I WAS DRAGGED HERE THAT ONE TIME.

WELL, SHIT! I DIDN'T NEED YOU TO GUIDE ME. I'M GOOD HERE SO YOU CAN LEAVE.

WHAT?!

YOU WANT ME TO GO BACK NOW THAT I'VE PAID FOR THE CAB? YOU BEST BE TRIPPIN'!

IT'S BECAUSE IT'S A PERSONAL MATTER, DUDE. JUST GO.

YOU'RE TOTALLY TRIPPIN'! YOU'RE GONNA GET YOURSELF INTO ANOTHER MESS!

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER SO JUST LEAVE.

THEN GIMME MY CAB FARE. RIGHT NOW!

SUCH A TIGHTWAD!

MISS?

YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!

?

HAVE YOU...

BEEN HERE ALL NIGHT?

WHAT THE! OUR EXALTED MISS PRESIDENT?

SHOULDN'T A STUDENT LIKE YOURSELF HAVE YOUR NOSE STUCK IN A BOOK OR SOMETHING? NOT WANDERING AROUND SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?

HEY HEY!!

I'LL JUST TAKE MY LEAVE.

PLEASE TALK AMONGST YOURSELVES.

CONVENIENT. HEY, PRESIDENT! COME SIT HERE FOR A MINUTE.

I HEAR YOU THINK I'M A PUSHOVER, SO LET'S TALK.

DUDE.

NOT ONCE...

HAVE I THOUGHT HIM DEAD.

UNLESS A BODY IS FOUND...

THE POSSIBILITY THAT A PERSON IS ALIVE EXISTS.

I HAD NO DOUBT THAT HE WOULD BE ALIVE SOMEWHERE...

HOWEVER, IF HE IS DEAD...

IT JUST MEANS THAT HE WAS ONLY CAPABLE OF COMING THIS FAR.

I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT.

I DIDN'T WANT TO THINK THAT THE MAN WHO TAUGHT ME "FEAR"...

WAS SO LIMITED AND INCAPABLE.

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

DO YOU KNOW?

THE TRUE MEANING OF SINGLE MAN INHERITANCE, FALSE MAN NO PASS ON?*

*This "Single Man Inheritance, False Man No pass on" is a kind of teaching style where the teacher has only one pupil.

...YOU TALKIN' ABOUT MY MASTER?

BRINGING HIM UP NOW AFTER YOU GUYS KILLED HIM...

SINGLE MAN INHERITANCE... TAUGHT ONLY TO ONE WORTHY STUDENT IN ORDER TO PROTECT ITS SECRETS...

FOR A MASTER AS OLD FASHIONED AS LIGHTNING TIGER TO TRAIN A SUCCESSOR...

IT MEANS HE WAS PREPARING FOR HIS DEMISE.

THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

IF YOU REALLY ARE, THAT WOULD MEAN THAT LIGHTNING TIGER IS TRULY DEAD.

BUT ISN'T IT FUNNY? HE LEFT THE SECRETS TO SUCH AN UNSKILLED BRAT AND DIED AS HE PLEASED.

YOU... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND? I'M SAYING THAT IF YOU HADN'T LEARNED EOTL..

LIGHTNING TIGER WOULDN'T HAVE DIED.

Like hell that's true!!!!

DON'T YOU DARE RAISE YOUR VOICE AT ME.

Gangryong!!

Y...!

You little!!

Quit underestimating me, you punk!!

Gangryong!!

Ki!

Gangryong!!

Hurk!

AFTER YOUR FIGHT WITH EUNHWA... I HAD YOU INVESTIGATED.

A SCOUNDREL AMONG SCOUNDRELS...

Hng!

IT WAS ALMOST EMBARRASSING TO CALL THAT AN INVESTIGATION BECAUSE YOUR FILES WERE SO EMPTY.

YOU WON'T SURVIVE AT SCHOOL IF THAT'S ALL YOU'RE CAPABLE OF.

Urk!

IF I WERE TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS, IT WOULDN'T REALLY MEAN ANYTHING. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

시—이

THAT'S A BIT PROBLEMATIC.

HE IS MY GUEST.

AFTER ALL...

CONSIDERING MY REPUTATION, WOULD YOU MIND PUTTING AWAY THAT DEADLY HAND OF YOURS?

LET'S SEE...

AND EXACTLY WHY MUST I CONSIDER THE DIRECTOR'S REPUTATION?

WELL, SINCE...

YOU WOULD BECOME A DISGRACE OTHERWISE

HILARIOUS.

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CONGRATULATIONS, VERA.

YOU'VE GOTTEN DOWN VOID STRIKE CLASS.

IT'S NOT SO STRONG YET THAT I CAN'T INTERCEPT IT, BUT IT'S COMMENDABLE.

HUH?

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WHAT'S THIS?

I WOULD PREFER NOT TO CONTEST OUR KI..

WOULD YOU MIND HOLDING IT BACK, VERA?

YOU'VE BEEN SO STRANGE SINCE YESTERDAY.

FOR VERA TO EXPRESS HER EMOTIONS LIKE THIS.

YOUR SISTER WOULD BE DELIGHTED-

OH

REALLY...

SUCH AN AMUSING JEST, DIRECTOR FIRE DRAGON.

YEAH...

TAKE CARE, VERA.

WELL, THAT'S THAT...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HONSE. DID YOU WAIT LONG?

AH, A BIT WELL, HAHA

RRR

HELLO.

CAN YOU TALK RIGHT NOW?

MM-HMM. IT'S FINE, VERA

BUT WHAT TO DO? I DON'T HAVE ANY GOOD NEWS I CAN'T FIND ANY TRACE OF HIM.

THERE'S NO POINT IN CONTINUING ANYMORE .. YOU CAN STOP NOW.

VERA, I KNOW YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED, BUT I PUT IN SIX MONTHS ON THIS SEARCH FOR LIGHTNING TIGER. I JUST NEED...

LIGHTNING TIGER'S BODY WAS FOUND.

REALLY? HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

SORRY. I ENDED UP MAKING YOU DO UNNECESSARY WORK.

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON THIS SEARCH SO FAR?

I WAS WITH PAUL UNTIL A HALF MONTH AGO, BUT HE THOUGHT THE DIRECTOR'S WORK MORE FUN, SO HE TRANSFERRED

IT'S JUST ME RIGHT NOW

I WANT TO COMPENSATE YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU'VE PUT IN UNTIL NOW.

CAN YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR A BIT?

SCHOOL? NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I'VE BEEN GONE A YEAR ALREADY...

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO LEARN, BUT I DO WANT TO SEE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE.

ALRIGHT. I'LL COME, VERA. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A FEW DAYS.

I'LL BE WAITING, MADOKA.

DUMMY ·2· FACTORY

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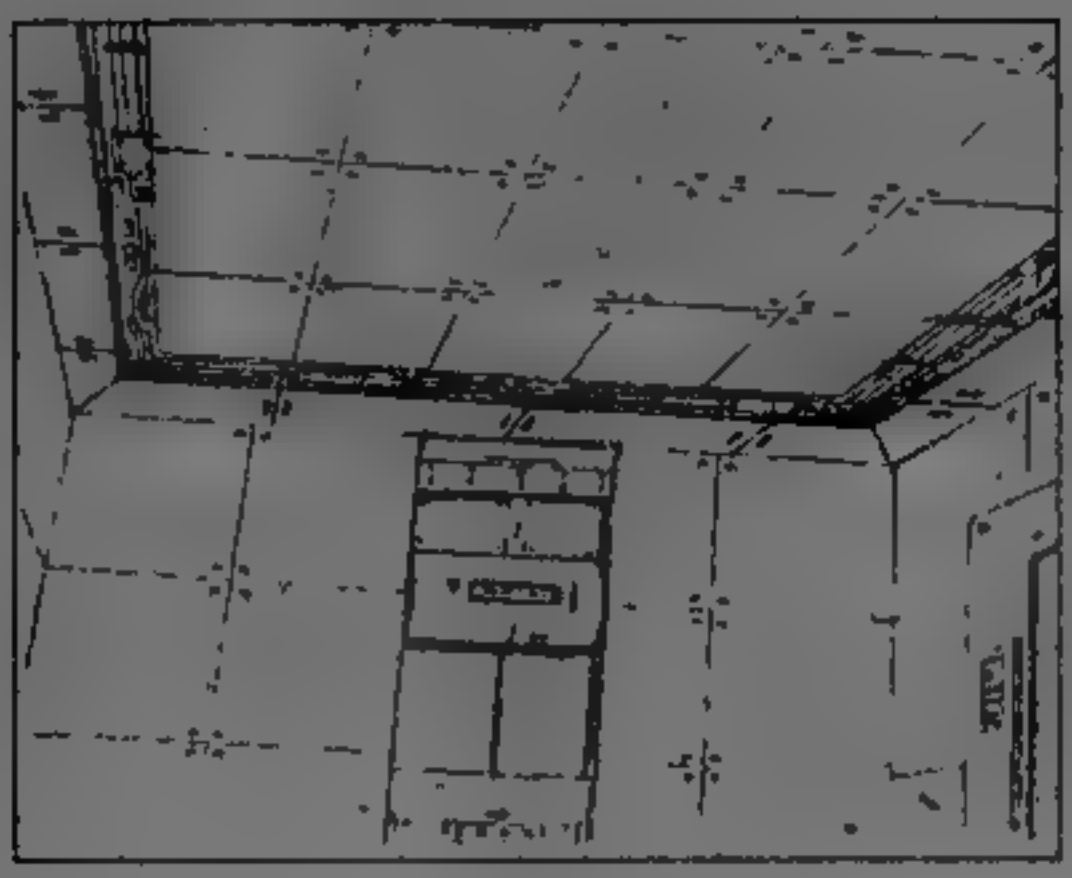
DUMMY LABORATORY

THAT'S SWELL

THE APPROPRIATE BASELINE FOR THIS ELECTRIC-TYPE OPPONENT IS LYING IN THE NEXT ROOM

THIS WILL BE AN INTERESTING TEST



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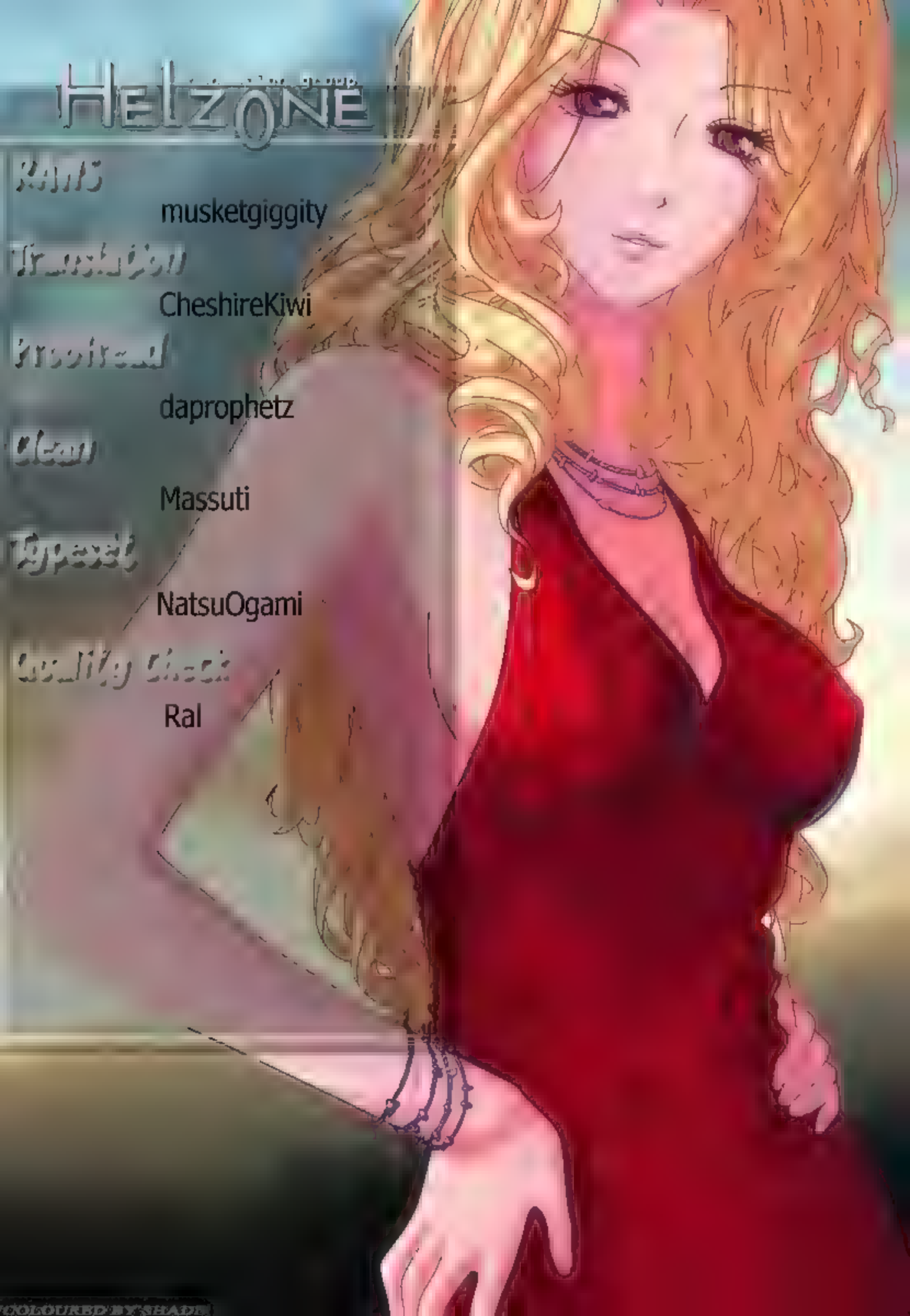


HELZONE
MUSKETGIGGITY -
ALRIGHT ANOTHER CHAPTER OF VERITAS RELEASED. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A SHOUTOUT TO THE FIRST-TIMERS WHO WORKED ON THIS RELEASE.
CHESHIREKIWI TRANSLATION
NATSUOGAMI TYPESET

Fight 23 - The Way Of EOTL

YOU STUPID?

IT'S NOT LIKE ITS THE FIST OF THE NORTH STAR OR ANYTHING.

WHO'D CHOOSE THEIR SUCCESSOR THROUGH SUCH A FRIGHTENINGLY DEPRESSINGING PROCESS?

IF IT WERE YOU, WOULD YOU GO "ONLY ONE PERSON MUST KNOW TH S" AND DIE?

YOU CRAZY?

VERA WAS JUST VENTING BACK THEN IT'S WEIRD. SHE USUALLY ISN'T SO STUBBORN.

FROM BEING TAUGHT RECKLESSLY TO ANY FOOL WHO MIGHT SPREAD IT AROUND WHERE A COUNTER-ART MAY BE DEVELOPED.

ANYWAY, "WRONG MAN NO SUCCESS, ONE MAN INHERITANCE" IS JUST A WAY TO PROTECT AN ART..

IN OUR COUNTRY, THERE WERE TIMES WHEN EVEN POSSESSING A MARTIAL ART WAS A CRIME...

LIKE THE END OF GORYEO MILITARY RULE OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOSEON DYNASTY

OUR ANCESTORS DISGUISED THEIR ARTS IN MASK DANCE AND SONG IN ORDER TO HIDE THEIR SECRETS

REDISCOVERING THOSE ARTS IS ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF REUNION'S WORK.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF THE R WORK, BUT I THINK THAT'S AT LEAST ONE GOOD THING THEY'RE DOING

I APPRECIATE THAT YOU THINK THAT WAY.

HMP

WE ALSO FIND HIDDEN SUCCESSORS, AND SUPPORT PROPAGATORS WHO HAVE ONLY MEMORIZED THE SECRET TEXT, AND HELP THEM PERFECT THEIR FORMS.

THE FOREFRONT OF THAT WORK BEING YOUR SCHOOL.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING, BY THE WAY?

THE DOCTOR SAYS IT'S ONLY A MINOR INTERNAL WOUND.

WHAT...

WAS I HIT WITH BACK THERE?

EVEN IF I TOLD YOU, YOU WOULDN'T GET ANYTHING RIGHT NOW.

IF YOU BECOME PLENTY STRONGER, I'LL TELL YOU.

PLUS THE METHOD TO BLOCKING THAT TECHNIQUE.

AFTER ALL, THE PERSON WHO PIONEERED THAT COUNTER-TECHNIQUE WAS LIGHTNING TIGER.

ANYWAY, IT'S A PITY.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INTERNAL DAMAGE, YOU CAN'T RECEIVE ARTIFICIAL KI.

BUT I CAN'T JUST SEND YOU BACK WITHOUT ANYTHING AFTER COMING SO FAR.

THERE IS AN ITEM THAT I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU, BUT IT'S VALUABLE SO IT'LL LOOK LIKE I'M PLAYING FAVORITES

WHAT'S GOT YOU SO WORKED UP?

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE YOU HELPED OUT AT OUR LAB AND WERE COMPENSATED FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE..

HOW ABOUT IT?

WHOA~
IT'S LIKE OUR DORM ARENA~

A BIT SMALL THOUGH

THEY'RE SIMILAR, BUT OURS WAS MADE 10x STRONGER

WE OCCASIONALLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH UNCONTROLLABLE DEFECTS.

SINCE IT'S A DUMMY LAB.

OKAY. ARE YOU READY, GANGRYONG?

IF YOUR INJURIES START BOTHERING YOU, TELL US IMMEDIATELY.

HUH~ IF I SPEAK IN HERE, YOU CAN HEAR ME?

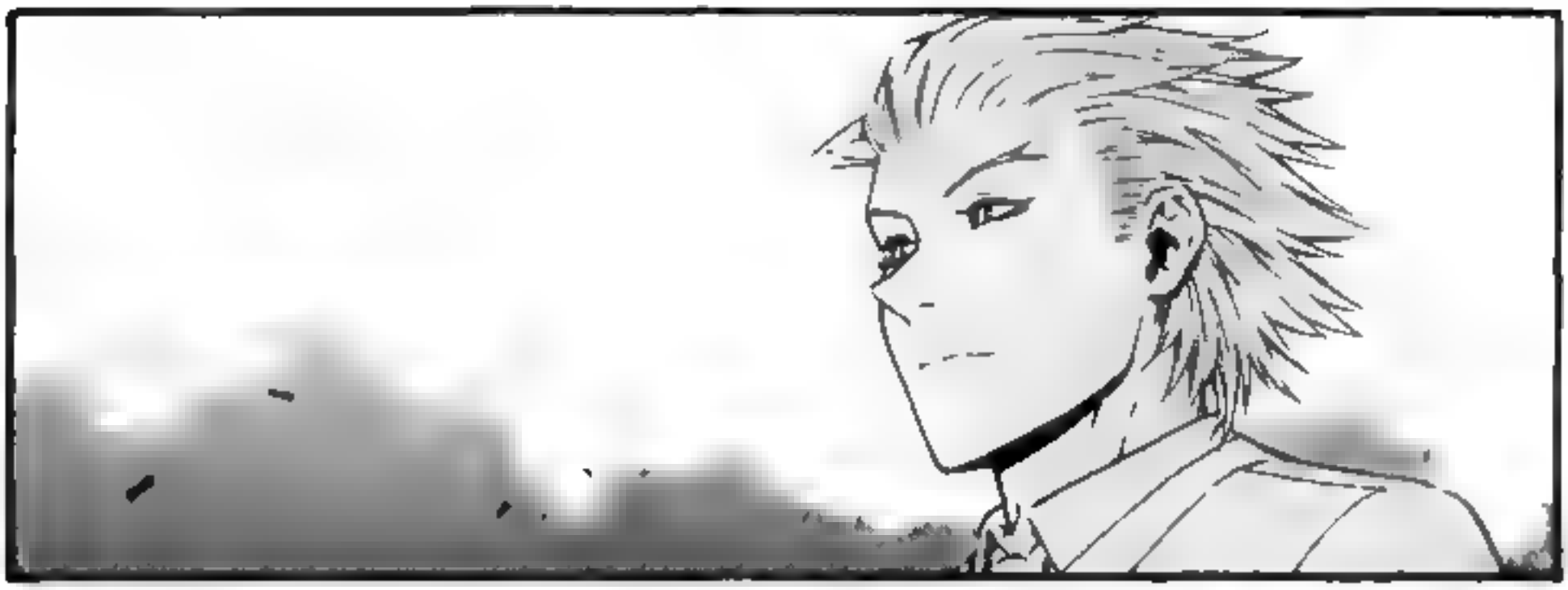
YES. THERE'S A MIC IN YOUR HEAD GEAR.

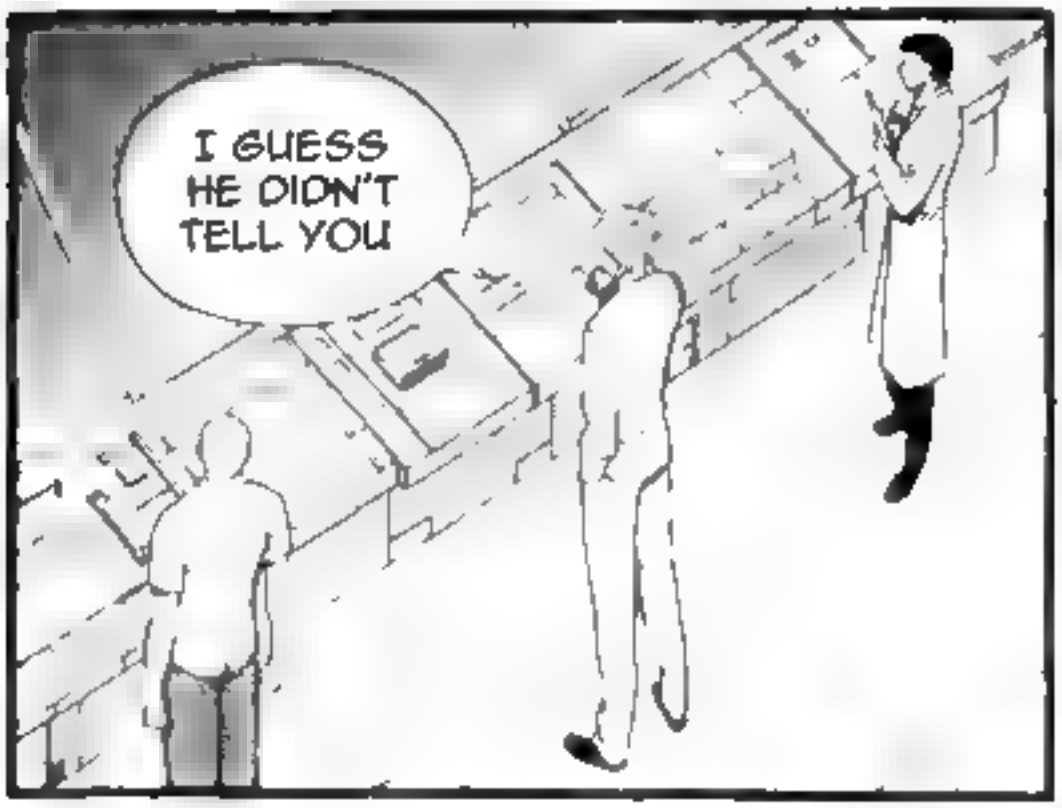
THEN. THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO ASK~

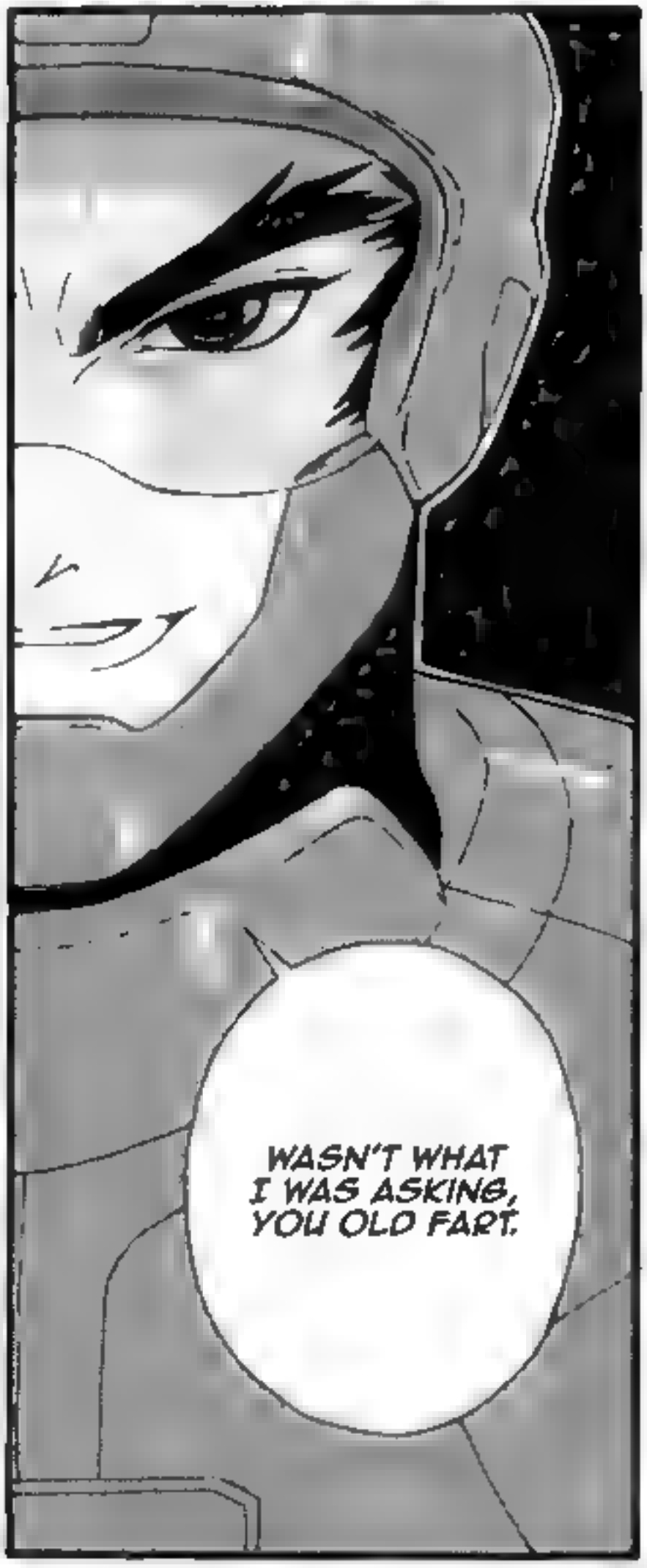
WHAT?

WHY...

DO YOU CALL MY MASTER "LIGHTNING TIGER"?




I GUESS HE DIDN'T TELL YOU


WASN'T WHAT I WAS ASKING, YOU OLD FART.

IT MIGHT SOUND A LITTLE FUNNY, BUT SUCCESSORS OF THE HEAVEN'S RICH CLASS FOLLOW CLASSIFICATIONS SET OVER 400 YEARS AGO
THAT...

YOU SAID YOU WERE FRIENDS WITH MY MASTER...

DID HE LIKE BEING ADDRESSED THAT WAY?

NO

HE HATED IT

..... A WHILE BACK .. ON TOP OF A BUILDING..

I CHOSE TO FOLLOW A PATH OPPOSITE THAT OF HIS

FROM THEN ON, I'VE PUT IN EVERY EFFORT TO KILL HIM.

I SEE.

SO YOU DON'T REALLY EVEN SEE ME AS A FRIEND'S STUDENT.

SO. SHOULD I SUDDENLY ACT LIKE WE'RE CLOSE FRIENDS SINCE HE'S DEAD?

OUR RELATIONSHIP WASN'T TO BE TAKEN THAT LIGHTLY ONCE WE'VE TURNED OUR BACKS, IT STAYS THAT WAY FOR GOOD.

RIGHT?

YOU'RE UNEXPECTEDLY SHARP.

CORRECT. THE REASON I AM NICE TO YOU IS BECAUSE DOING SO IS IN MY BEST INTERESTS.

SYMPATHY FOR THE STUDENT OF A DEAD FRIEND DOESN'T EXIST.

ALRIGHT. NOW IT'S CLEAR.

ACTUALLY, THE FACT THAT AN OLD FART WAS BE NG NICE TO ME FOR NO REASON WAS MAKING ME UNCOMFORTABLE.

AND CALLING YOURSELF MY MASTER'S FRIEND WHILE SITTING IN SUCH A HIGH POSITION AT REUNION SOUNDED LIKE CRAP

BUT I LIKE THAT YOU'RE HONEST, OLD FART

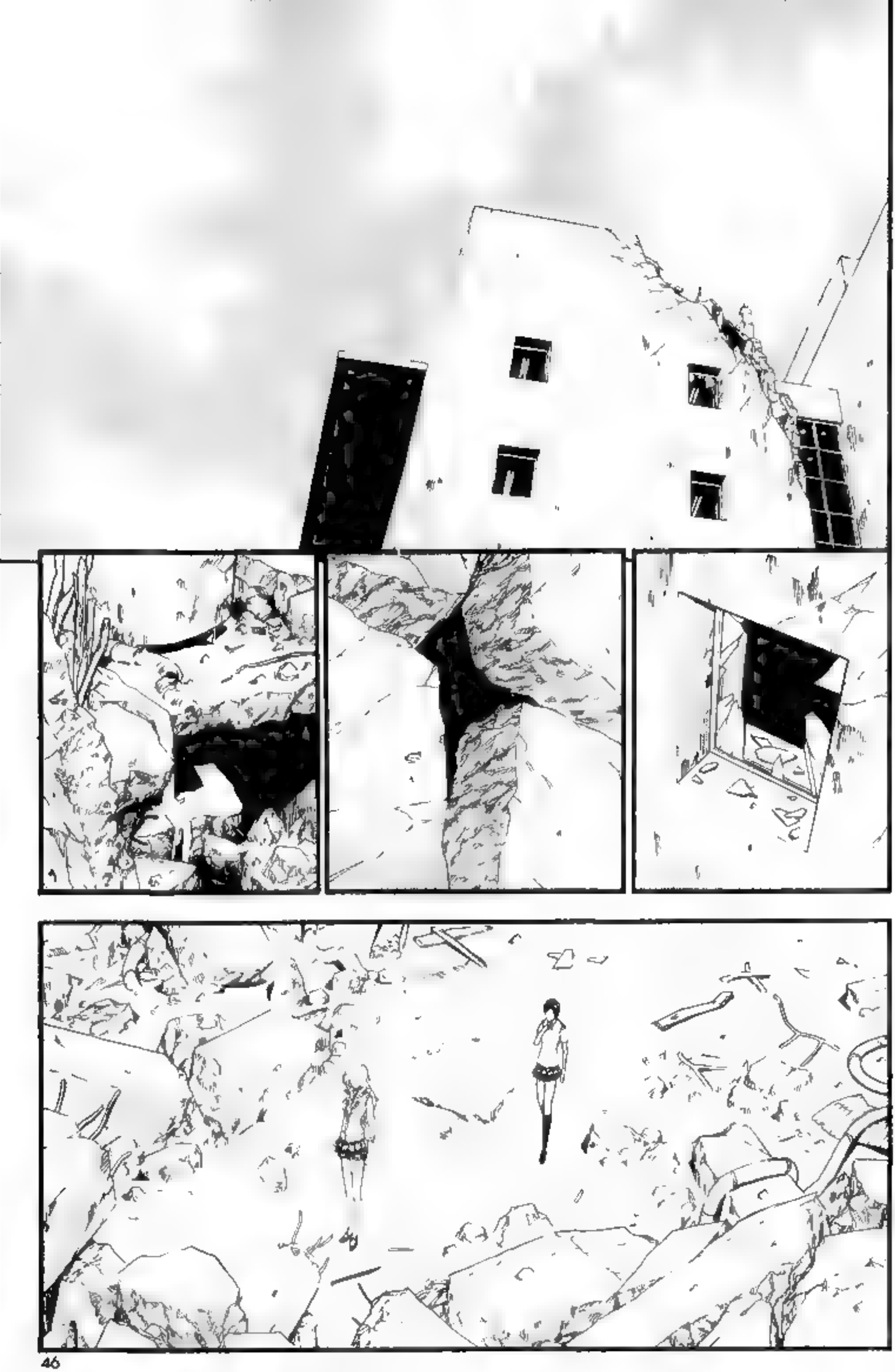
IF IT'S LIKE THAT, I HAVE NO REASON TO WORRY.

BE AS NICE AS YOU'D LIKE.

WELL, THIS CONVERSATION'S ABOUT DONE

IT'S BEEN A WHILE...

let's play tin can!!



IT WASN'T OUR FAULT, VERA

RUD AND JIHA KEPT HARASSING.

AND THEY PURPOSELY TURNED THIS INTO A BIG DEAL...

I'M POSITIVE I DID NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR A FIGHT BETWEEN GUHOO AND RUD.

SO WHY WAS RUD'S HARASSMENT AN ISSUE?

IS RUD'S PROVOCATION MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY WORDS?

SORRY...

I'M SORRY THAT I'VE DISAPPOINTED YOU, VERA.

I HONESTLY DIDN'T THINK THAT GUHOO WOULD LOSE

IT WAS JUST AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET RID OF RUD.

WHAT'S GUHOO'S STATUS?

DUE TO THE IMMEDIATE REATTACHMENT SURGERY, HE DIDN'T LOSE HIS ARM.

OTHER THAN THAT, HE HAS JUST MINOR SCRATCHES

HE'S FAIRLY LUCKY HE'S STILL ALIVE AFTER FACING HIS POLAR OPPOSITE

AS SOON AS HE RECOVERS, PUT HIM BACK IN ISOLATION TRAINING 4 MONTHS THIS TIME.

RIGHT

ALSO...

THE SAME GOES FOR YOU, SHINRA.

AS SOON AS YOU'RE READY.

VERA.

VE..

THAT'S

I DON'T WANT TO EVADE MY RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT THERE'S SOME WORK PILED UP FOR THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF

MADOKA WILL BE RETURNING IN A COUPLE DAYS.

HAVE HER TAKE OVER.

BZZZ

YOU!

It's pretty good at taking hits, huh?!

Ugh!

!!

HE'S MATCHED FAIRLY WELL, CONSIDERING THAT IT'S A LEVEL 7 DEFENSE PROGRAM.

WELL, HE'S BEEN WORKING HARD.

BUT UM...

I ALSO HAVE A QUESTION.

YES?

YOUR OBJECTIVE MUST BE EOTL'S BREATH NG METHOD DIRECTOR .

WHY IS THAT?

EOTL IS ONE OF THE MOST VALUED ARTS AS HEAVEN'S RICHES CLASS...

BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW, REUNION HAS OTHER BREATHING METHODS AT ITS DISPOSAL...

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I PLACE SUCH A HIGH VALUE ON EOTL?

QUITE A THING TO ASK. AREN'T YOU REACHING A BIT BEYOND YOUR GRASP?

I'M STILL YOUNG AND CURIOUS.

HA! I DON'T GET THE FEELING THAT YOU'RE ANY YOUNGER THAN ME.

WELL, WHATEVER IT'S NO BIG SECRET.

PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD? UNLIKE OTHER HEAVENLY FIVE ELEMENTS, EOTL HAS LONG SINCE GOTTEN RID OF PROPER FORMS AND STANCES.

HUH? THEN WHAT'S GANGRYONG USING?

I'VE NO IDEA... IN LIGHTNING TIGER'S CASE, HE HAD HIS OWN UNIQUE TECHNIQUES, BUT GANGRYONG...

HE'S JUST INTEGRATING EOTL INTO HIS OWN STYLE OF FIGHTING.

BUT IF THERE ISN'T PROPER FORM BEHIND THE ART, IT SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE TO UTILIZE 100% OF THE ART'S TRUE POWER

THAT'S RIGHT SO THE SUCCESSORS OF EOTL, INSTEAD OF TRYING TO REVIVE FORMS AND STANCES THAT WOULDN'T BE PERFECT ANYWAY..

THEY FOCUSED ON ADVANCING THEIR ART.

ADVANCING AN ALREADY-COMPLETED ART? THAT'S HOPELESS...

BUT IT TURNED OUT THAT THEY ACHIEVED THIS UNBELIEVABLE TASK I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF REPERCUSSIONS AND SACRIFICES WENT INTO THE PROCESS, BUT I'VE HEARD THAT LIGHTNING TIGER'S MASTER WAS ABLE TO ADVANCE THE ART

THAT'S WHY EOTL, EVEN THOUGH IT'S ONE OF THE HEAVENLY FIVE PATHS, IT IS A UNIQUE ENTITY, SEPARATE FROM THE FIVE PATHS INNER ENERGY MANAGEMENT.

WOW...

TO SUCH A DEGREE...

THAT EVEN THE MASTER OF HEAVEN'S RICHES COULD NOT STAND AGAINST IT.

THAT BEING SAID, ISN'T IT NATURAL THAT I AM INTERESTED IN IT?

DID I SUFFICIENTLY ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

BUT HOW ARE YOU GONNA FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

THAT GUY ISN'T JUST GONNA NAÏVELY TELL YOU.

I'VE THOUGHT OF A COUPLE IDEAS.

BUT THERE'S NO POINT IN TALKING TO A KID WHO HASN'T EVEN COMPLETED THE ART, OR EVEN FULLY UNDERSTOOD IT, FOR THAT MATTER

DON'T YOU THINK SO?

THAT MAKES SENSE ..

ACTUALLY, I DOUBT HE REALLY GETS WHAT HIS ART EVEN MEANS ..

GOD DAMN IT!

HIS BLOCKS AREN'T EVEN A JOKE

LIGHTNING FIST DOESN'T WORK AND IT DOESN'T EVEN RESPOND TO THUNDER BREAK.

IS IT BECAUSE IT'S A MACHINE?

WHAT A DISGRACE.

ALRIGHT, THEN!

우득

I'VE GOTTEN THUNDER BREAK MOSTLY DOWN NOW-

SO MAYBE IT'S ABOUT TIME TO RAISE THE BAR?

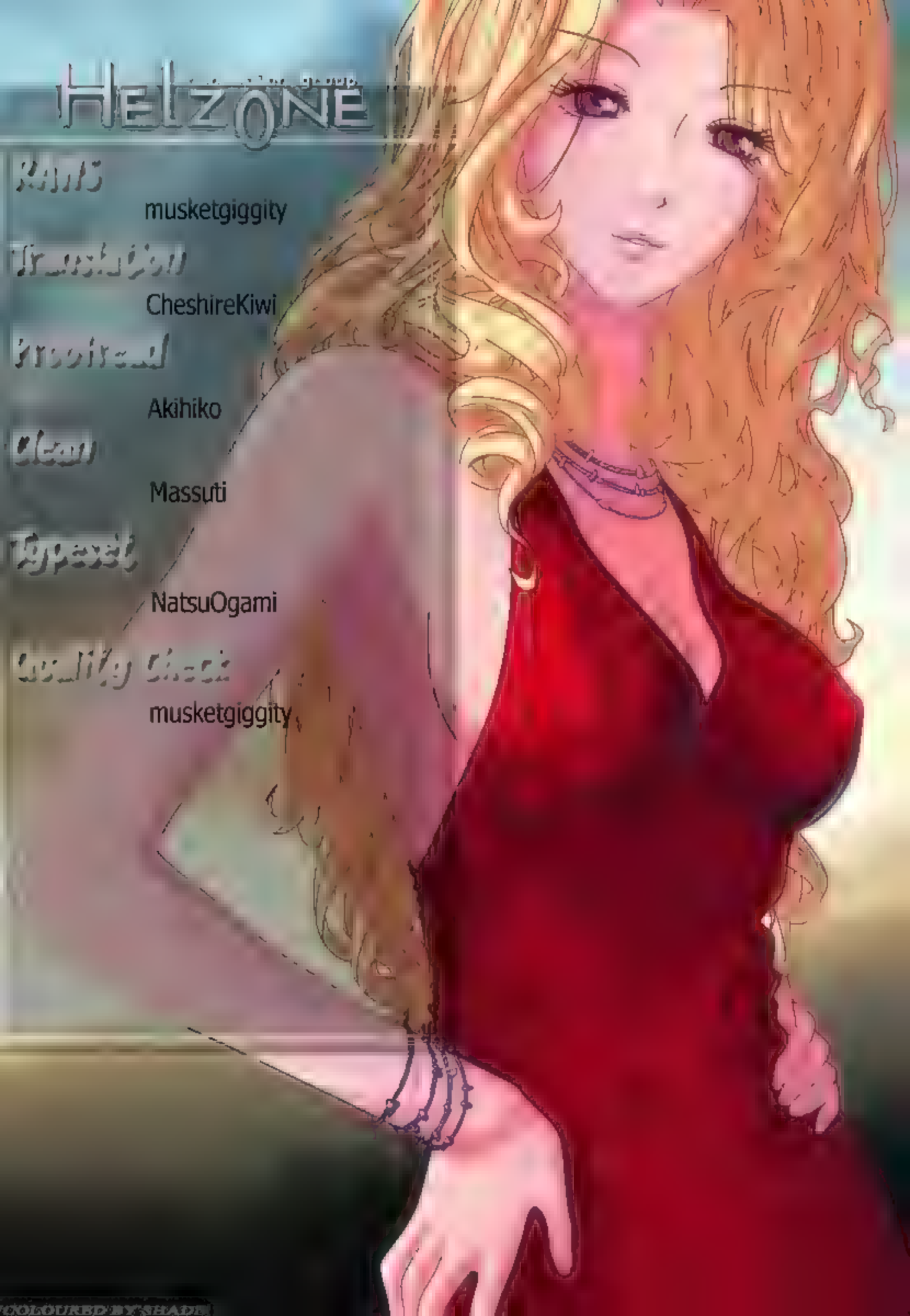
The odds are that I won't pull this off!!

WHAT A LUCKY DAY! I'LL TEST IT ON THIS THING FIRST!

But this is my Electric Yo-yo!!

THAT'S...

MAGNETIC FORCE OF LIGHTNING SPACE?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FIGHT 24 - ELECTRIC YO-YO

DID YOU HEAR?

WHAT?

YURI LINUS.

AH~

DIDN'T THE GEEZERS AT THE SINGLE INHERITANCE COMMITTEE RECOGNIZE HER AS THE SUCCESSOR TO KNOWLEDGE OF HEAVEN'S RICHES?

IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE SOMEONE WITH THE CAPACITY FOR KNOWLEDGE OF HEAVEN'S RICHES HAS SHOWN UP IN THE HEAVEN'S RICHES LINEAGE

THE ELDERS WERE HAPPY JUST WITNESSING SPATIAL STRIKE AND VOID STRIKE

EVEN SO, IT'S NOT LIKE THOSE GEEZERS, RIGHT? I DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD RECOGNIZE ANYONE NOT CLEARLY PURE OF THE ANCESTRY.

THE RUMOR IS THAT YURI IS COMPLETELY KOREAN

IT'S PROBABLY TRUE SINCE THE ELDERS ACCEPTED IT

WHAT?

PLUS, YURI'S MOTHER IS A DESCENDANT OF MASTER JUNG

THOUGH IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ITS PROXIMITY TO THE HEAVEN'S RICHES' FAMLIY LINE

NO, NO. THAT'S UNCERTAIN. IF THE MOTHER'S BLOODLINES ARE STRONG, IT'S STILL POSSIBLE TO LOOK ASIAN

WHY ARE YOU SO FUSSY?

YOU DON'T LIKE THAT THE HEAVEN'S RICHES SUCCESSOR HAS APPEARED?

OBVIOU-SLY, MAN

IF SHE'S BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED AS SUCH, THEN WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO WORK UNDER HER.

I HEARD WE'RE EVEN THE SAME AGE THAT'S NO FUN.

ISN'T IT BETTER THAN OBEYING SOME OLDER MAN OR WOMAN?

NOT AT ALL~~

ALSO, SHE'S QUITE THE LOOKER.

MORE SO THAN.

HEH~

REALLY?

ANYONE I'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE.

KEKE~ I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THAT AT LEAST~

ANYWAY, WE'VE RESTED ENOUGH. LET'S CONTINUE.

WHERE WERE WE?

YOU COUNTERED THE FLAME DEMON WALL, AND I COUNTERED FIST OF REVERSE LIGHTNING

THUNDER BREAK!

NOT FIST OF REVERSE LIGHTNING I KEEP TELLING YOU IT'S CALLED THUNDER BREAK.

ENOUGH WITH ALL THESE WEIRD NAMES.

THEN THE NEXT ONE IS MAGNETIC FORCE OF LIGHTNING SPACE.

NO...

ELECTRIC YO-YO.

ELECTRIC
YO-YO!!!

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!

SHIT!

I KNEW IT!!

ELECTR-!!

ALRIGHT!

DO IT UNTIL IT WORKS!!

C/B

D/D

WELL, THIS IS DIFFERENT.

HE'S DOING SOMETHING WRONG

HUH?

YOU SCREWING WITH ME?!

GANGRYONG, YOU BUSY RIGHT NOW?

OF COURSE I'M BUSY!!

ISN'T THE BASIC THEORY BEHIND THE MAGNETIC FORCE OF LIGHTNING SPACE- NO, THE ELECTRIC YO-YO AN "STATIC ELECTRICITY"?

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE BREATHING PROPERLY FOR THIS TECHNIQUE.

THINK BACK TO THE BASIC THEORY BEHIND LIGHTNING FIST.

IF YOU TRAIN ALONE FOR A WHILE, YOU START TO IGNORE THE BASICS.

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO TAKE PURE METAL ENERGY AND, BY APPLYING PROPER BREATHING AND KI MANIPULATION, SEPARATE IT INTO DIFFERENT CHARGES THEN COLLIDE IT?

YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT THE FOCAL POINT OF BREATHING DURING THIS PROCESS LIES WITHIN THE YIN OF INHALING AND THE YANG OF EXHALING.

WHAT!!

HOW DO YOU KNOW THIS?!

I ONLY KNOW THE THEORY LIGHTNING TIGER AND I STUDIED IT TOGETHER.

LISTEN CLOSELY, GANGRYONG. YOU SEEM TO LACK AN OVERALL UNDERSTANDING OF EOTL, SO I'LL TELL YOU IN A NUTSHELL.

THIS DISCIPLINE CALLED EOTL; IT TAKES YIN KI AND YANG KI AND TURNS THEM INTO A NEGATIVE CHARGE AND A POSITIVE CHARGE. IT'S A SYSTEM THAT POSSESSES A UNIQUE MECHANISM THAT TRANSFORMS KI INTO ELECTRIC CHARGES.

YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE OBJECTIVE BEHIND THE ELECTRIC YO-YO IS TO CHANGE THE VOLTAGE OF YOUR BODY AND USING THE FLOW OF KI AS A CURRENT, TO SHOCK YOUR OPPONENT.

BUT HAVE YOU CHANGED THE VOLTAGE OF YOUR HANDS?

YOU NEED TO GENERATE NEGATIVE CHARGE ON YOUR LEFT WHILE INHALING THEN POSITIVE CHARGE ON YOUR RIGHT WHILE EXHALING

PROPER ANALYSIS OF LIGHTNING FIST WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO USE THIS TECHNIQUE

SHUT UP!! I ALREADY KNOW!!!

파지직

LIGHTNING FIST FOCUSES BOTH ENERGIES ON ONE HAND THEN EXPLODES IT, RIGHT? JUST THINK THAT YOU'RE DIVIDING THE CHARGES BETWEEN BOTH YOUR HANDS.

THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE!!

PLUS, I DO BETTER IN REAL FIGHTS!

BUT THIS GUY IS ONLY BLOCKING!!

I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WOULD BE AN ISSUE.

HEY.

HOW MUCH STRESS CAN THIS DUMMY'S NEURON-CONSTRUCT TAKE?

YES.

IF IT IS FOR 20 MINUTES, UP TO LEVEL 8 IS POSSIBLE

GOOD. SWITCH PROGRAMS

DIRECTOR, W... WAIT. YOU SEEM [illegible] THAT HE BEAT A LEVEL 8...

BUT THAT WAS TOTALLY BY LUCK...

IT'S ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO REALIZE THE EXTENT OF HIS ABILITIES

IN THIS SAFE [illegible] NO LESS

HEH! YOU MIGHT AS WELL TURN IT UP TO THE MASTER LEVEL.

SCRAWNY LITTLE THING-

THINKS IT'S SO GREAT-

EH?

КИН!!

SHIT!!

WHY YOU LITTLE!!

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YOU SHITTING ME?! AT THIS RANGE!!

NEGATIVE CHARGE ON YOUR LEFT AS YOU INHALE... POSITIVE ON YOUR RIGHT AS YOU EXHALE...

SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW THE REST?

TAKE THIS!

STOP SPELLING IT OUT FOR ME, YOU OLD FART.

YAAAH!!

TAKE THIS! ELECTRIC YO-YO!!!

SMELL

OH YEAH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU~

OUR REGULAR DUMMIES WERE WEAK AGAINST ELECTRIC SHOCKS SO THAT ONE HAS BEEN MODIFIED...

SO IT MIGHT NOT LEAVE A MARK EVEN IF YOUR TECHNIQUE SUCCEEDED. KUKUKU~

HEY, DAMNIT! YOU!!

WH... WHAT?

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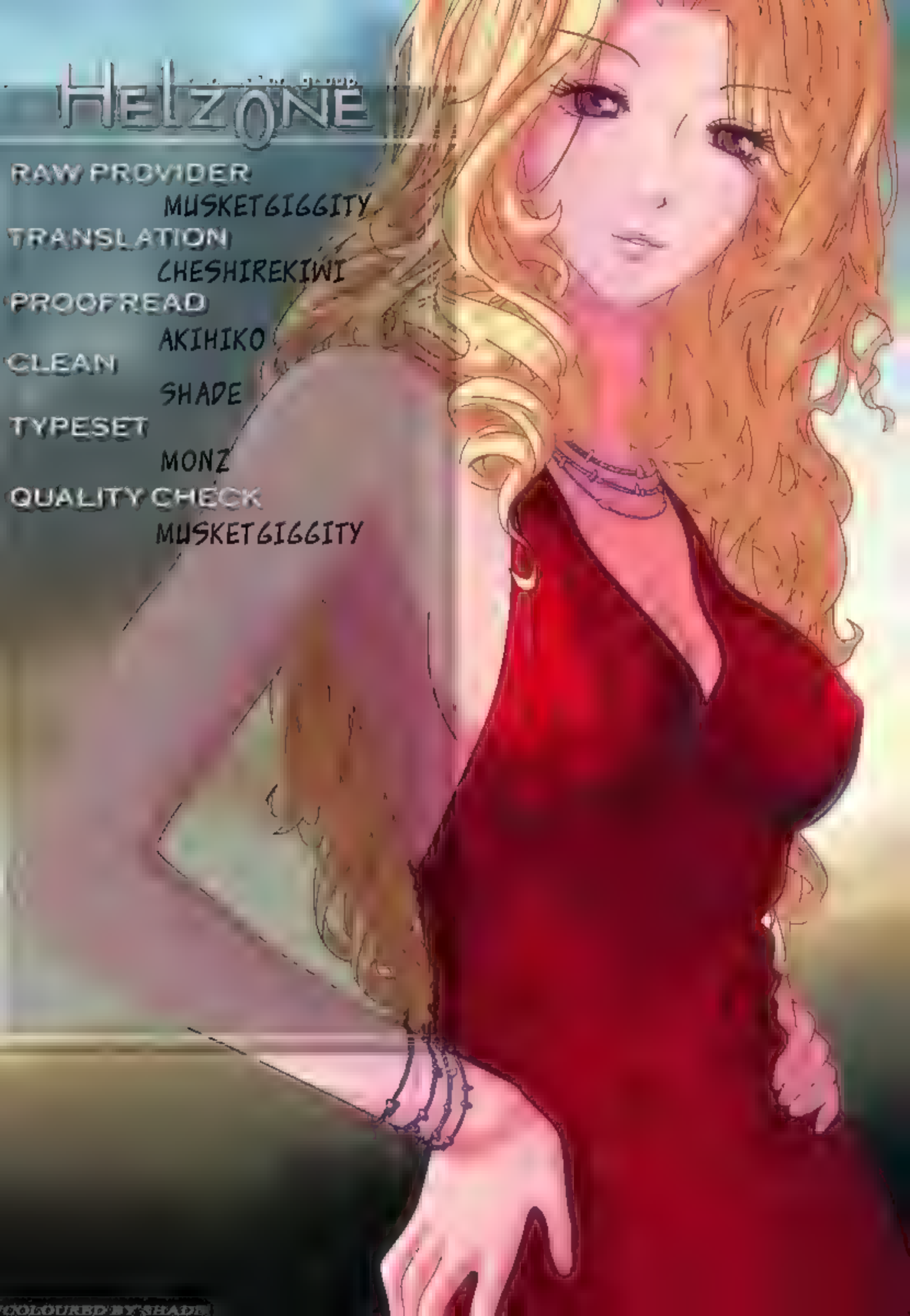
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SORRY ABOUT THE LATE RELEASE OF THE CHAP, I WAS GONE FOR AWHILE DUE TO BY BUDDIES COLLEGE GRADUATION AND MISSED RELEASING IT TWO DAYS AGO :3
JOIN OUR IRC
IRCHIGHWAY
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YA~ THAT'S AWESOME

YOUR TALENT WAS BEYOND MY EXPECTATI-ONS

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FANTASTIC.

YOU WERE A GREAT HELP

SO WILL YOU...

EXIT THE ARENA NOW!

Am I your personal punching bag!?!?
Hurry up and start up already!!
YOU MAD ME BEAT HIM FOR 15 MINUTES AND NOW THAT I'M A LITTLE TIRED YOU JUST WANT ME TO LEAVE
YOU JOKING? STOP FOOLING AROUND!

Before I friggin' crush this thing!!!

THAT DUMMY HAS A LIMITED OPERATION TIME OF 20 MINUTES.

ANY MORE AND THAT EXPENSIVE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT WILL BREAK DOWN.

GANGRYO NO-

YOU ARE BEING RUDE-

That's none of my concern!!

If you don't wanna see this get busted, hurry up and make it move!!

WELL, IF YOU WANT TO BUST AN OPPONENT THAT'S JUST STANDING THERE, BE MY GUEST.

I'D LIKE TO ENTERTAIN YOU SOME MORE BUT I'M BUSY

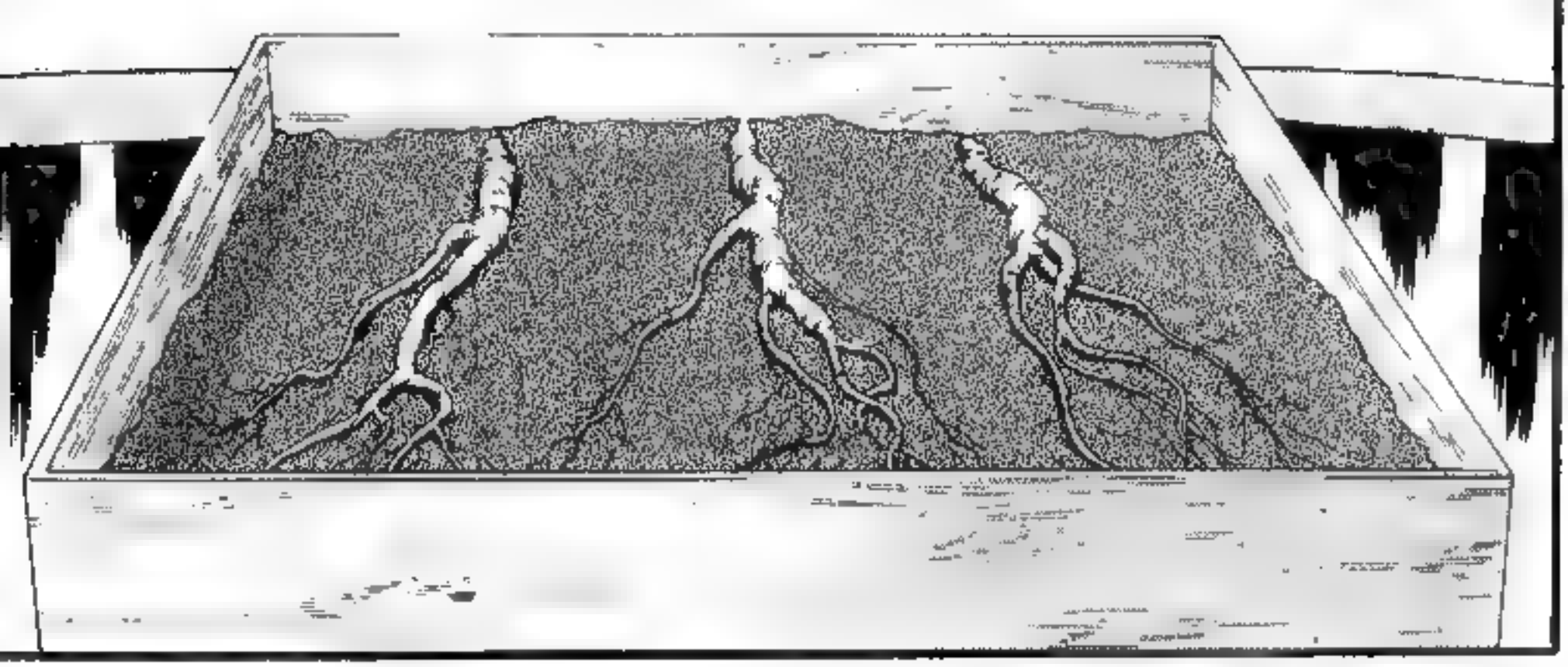
STAY AS LONG AS YOU WANT AND LEAVE AS YOU LIKE

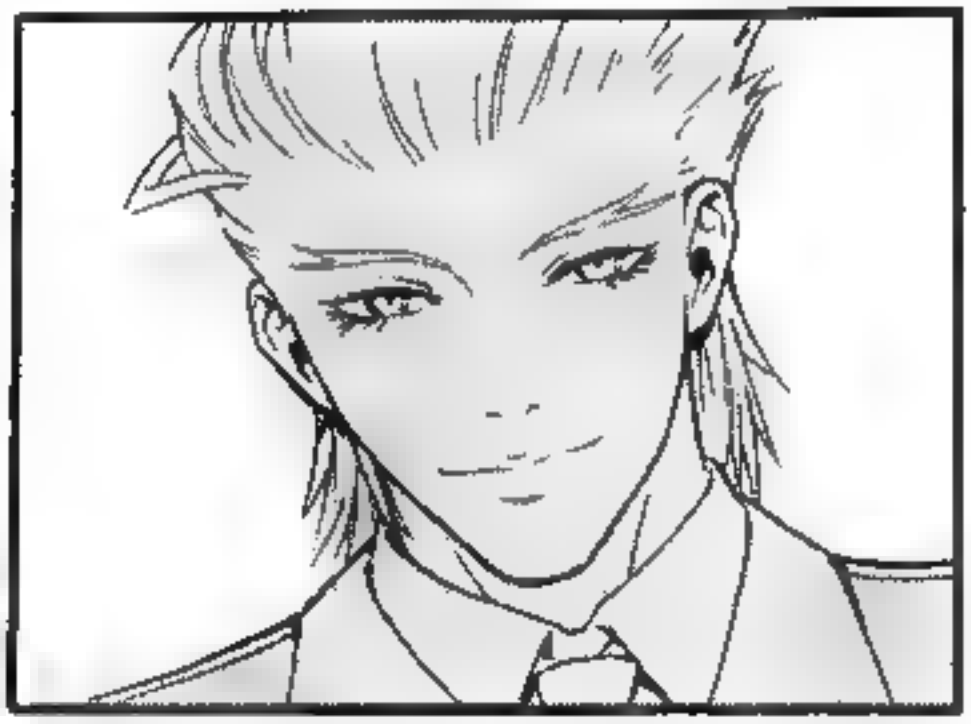
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE...

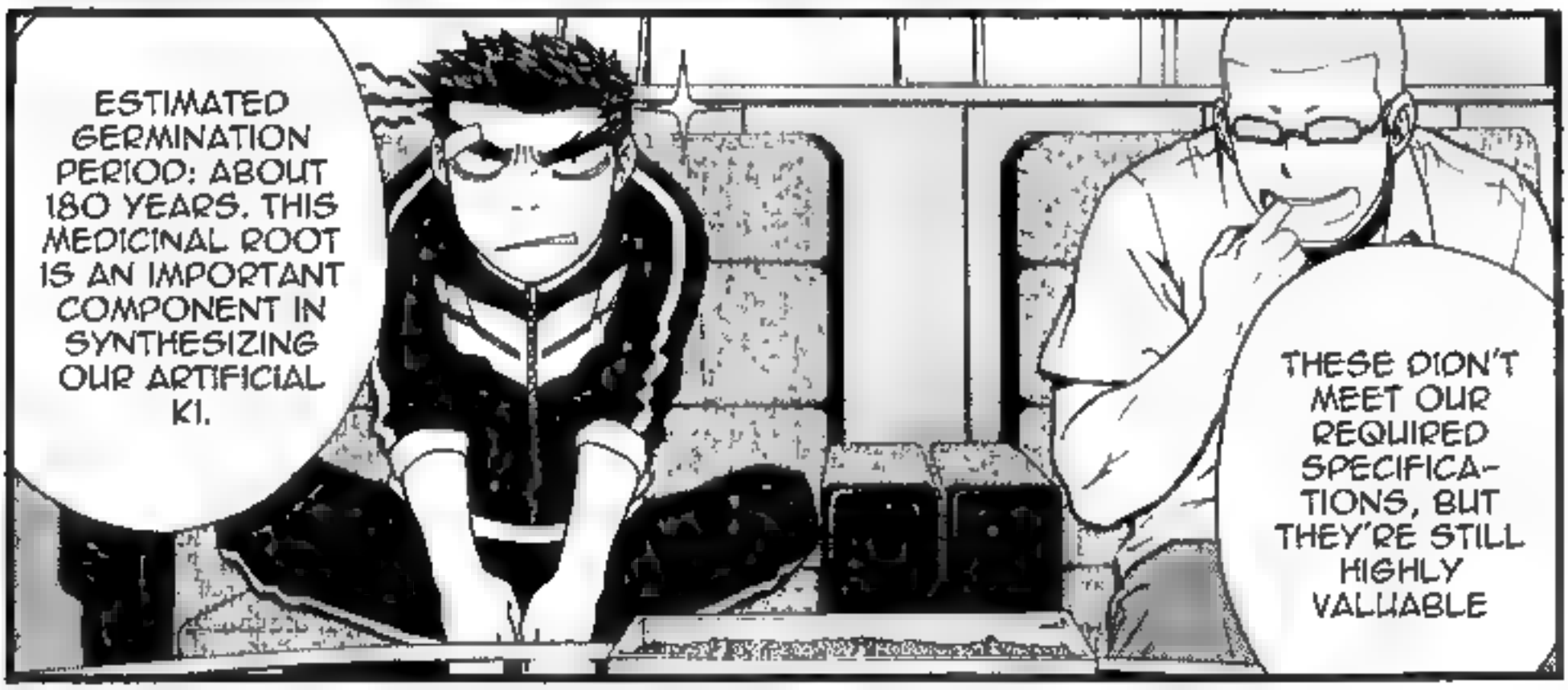
KUKU

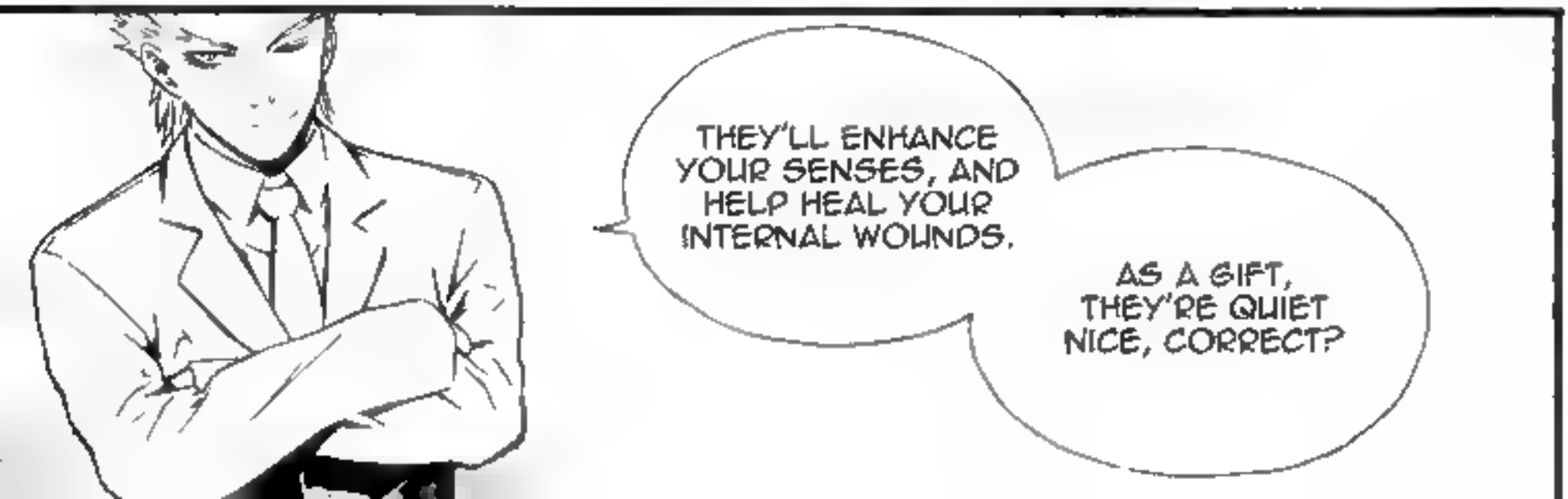
What did you say?!

Don't you walk away!!






ESTIMATED GERMINATION PERIOD: ABOUT 180 YEARS. THIS MEDICINAL ROOT IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT IN SYNTHESIZING OUR ARTIFICIAL KI.
THESE DIDN'T MEET OUR REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS, BUT THEY'RE STILL HIGHLY VALUABLE


THEY'LL ENHANCE YOUR SENSES, AND HELP HEAL YOUR INTERNAL WOUNDS.
AS A GIFT, THEY'RE QUIET NICE, CORRECT?

HUH~

ONLY 180-YEAR-OLD GINGSENG?

IF IT'S GINSENG, SHOULDN'T IT BE AT LEAST A THOUSAND OR TEN THOUSAND YEARS OLD?

GANGRY ONG, GIMME JUST ONE~

THAT'S A MYTH THAT ONLY COMES UP IN FOLKLORE

THE USUAL GINSENG LIFE CYCLE IS 200 YEARS AT THE LONGEST

IN ANY CASE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE ARTIFICIAL KI IN A MONTH

JUST LET US KNOW BEFOREHAND WHEN YOU'RE COMING

I'M SORRY; I THINK YOU MISUNDER-STOOD SOMETHIN-G~

I'M JUST HERE TO SIGHTSEE.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GETTING ARTIFICIAL KI!

I REMEMBERED AFTER SEEING THAT GINSENG...

MY MASTER SAID "HAVING TOO MUCH IS A CURSE."

THAT'S NOT VERY SMART

DIDN'T YOU ENTER THE SCHOOL TO BECOME STRONGER?

I'M A FOOL THAT ONLY BELIEVES THE STRONGEST PERSON I MEET...

ARE YOU STRONGER THAN MY MASTER?

LET'S SEE...

I DID LOSE QUITE A BIT IN THE PAST

THAT'S A QUESTION I'D RATHER NOT ANSWER

AND IF YOU WERE TO FIGHT H.M TODAY?

YOU MUST'VE FOUGHT AFTER YOUR ARTIFICIAL KI TRANSFUS ON, RIGHT?

SORRY, BUT THE WAY I SEE IT, YOU'RE WEAKER THAN MY MASTER

YOU HAVE A SIMILAR SMELL, BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME

I HAVE QUITE THE NOSE FOR THESE THINGS

FAREWELL...

BE SURE TO CALL IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, GANGRYONG

EP4

YOU BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR MOUTH, HUH?

DIDN'T I TELL YOU? I'M ALWAYS BY YOUR SIDE

HEH~

HE DIDN'T DENY IT

BE SUPER CAREFUL THAT I HAVE TO DEAL WITH NONE OF YOUR SHITSTORM!

THAT CRACK ON THE FLOOR.

OUR PRESIDENT DID THAT, RIGHT?

WHAT KINDA PERSON IS SHE?

HEY HEY! ARE YOU...?

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT, MAN!

WHEN I FIRST SAW MY MASTER.

HE WAS SO STRONG THAT I DIDN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TRYING TO FIGHT HIM

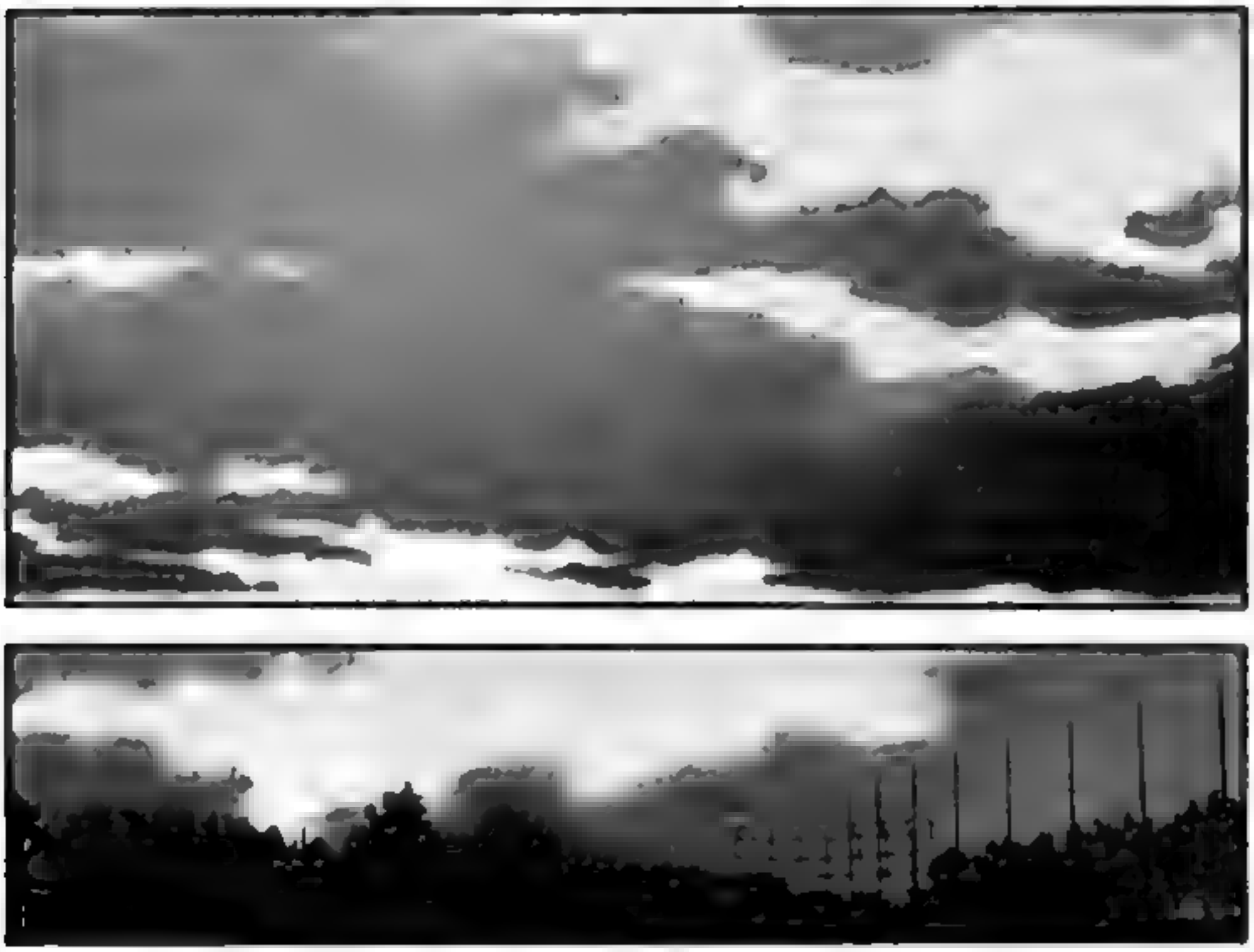
I ONLY WANTED TO BE LIKE HIM, NOT BEAT HIM

BUT THAT'S BECAUSE OF OUR AGE DIFFERENCE AND BECAUSE HE'S MY MASTER

SO HOW COME THE PRESIDENT, WHO'S THE SAME AGE AS ME, GIVES OFF THE SAME KIND OF SMELL THAT I SENSE FROM MY MASTER OR THE DIRECTOR??

...THAT'S BECAUSE ...

THEY PROBABLY USE THE SAME BRAND OF SOAP



HERE
HUH

WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU GIVING THIS TO ME?

WHEN YOU SEE THOSE MARTIAL ARTS STORIES...

EVEN WHEN SOMEONE LOSES THEIR INNER KI, THEY'LL TAKE SOME WONDER DRUG AND GET BACK ON THEIR FEET

HOW ABOUT YOU? CAN'T YOU DO THAT?

TH...

THIS CAN'T BE!!

Y- Y- Y- YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SOME PUNK

HOW THE HECK DID YOU DO A COMPLETE ABOUT-FACE WITHOUT ANY KIND OF SIGN?

YOU JERK!

Give it back if you don't like it!

N-NO, THAT'S NOT IT! AHAHA~

THANKS. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT I HAD ALREADY FORGOTTEN

BUT MY KI CENTER HAS BEEN RUINED BEYOND REPAIR

THEN,

GIVE IT TO HIM

WHO?

I'm talking about Rud!

Didn't you say he was hurt pretty bad?!

WHOA~

You don't think I know why he got into that fight?!

He just went and did that on his own, making me feel awkward!

BUT THIS IS REALLY SURPRIS ING

YOU!

I THOUGHT YOU'D EVEN EAT A DOG TURD IF IT MEANT THAT YOU GOT STRONGER

IF I HAD TO, I'D EAT WORSE THAN A DOG TURD...

BUT I CAN'T EVEN PROPERLY CONTROL MY KI AS IT IS SO IT'S PRETTY USELESS TO ME RIGHT NOW

I UNDERSTOOD AFTER FIGHTING THE PRESIDENT AND THAT DUMMY

WHAT I NEED RIGHT NOW, AND WHAT I SHOULD BE DOING

AT THE VERY LEAST, I NEED TO BETTER MY SENSES, IF I WANT TO HAVE A SHOT AT HOLDING MY OWN...

TELL RUD TO FORGET ABOUT HIS COFFEE MAKER

IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'RE THINKING THAT WAY...

BUT DON'T THINK SO MUCH OF VERA

TRUE, VERA HAS HER FAMILY'S BACKING... BUT NO ONE CAN DENY THAT SHE BECAME THE TOP OF OUR SCHOOL THROUGH HER OWN PERSONAL STRENGTH AND SKILL

SHE HASN'T USED KNOWLEDGE OF HEAVEN'S RICHES IN HER FIGHTS NOT EVEN ONCE

WHAT THAT MEANS IS ...

INSTEAD OF USING HER ART, SHE GAVE HERSELF A HANDICAP TO FIGHT WITH ONLY SIMPLE TECHNIQUES

UNTIL I MET VERA, I ALSO THOUGHT THAT HARD WORK WOULD OVERCOME TALENT .

BUT IT TURNS OUT THAT SOMEONE WHO WAS JUST BORN WITH EVERYTHING AT BIRTH, SOMEONE WHO CAN'T BE OVERTAKEN WITH JUST PERSEVERANCE ALONE, EXISTS TOO

SO WHAT? I'M NO MATCH SO JUST SHUT UP AND SUBMIT?

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

IF I LOSE, I JUST NEED TO STUDY WHY I LOST...

AND KEEP LOSING UNTIL I WIN! THERE'S NOTHING ELSE!

WHAT?

WHY DO YOU THINK HE DIDN'T USE SWORD FORCE RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING?

IT WAS BECAUSE HE COULDN'T

IT WOULD ONLY BE EFFECTIVE AFTER HIS CROSS CLAW GOT THROUGH YOUR IRON SPIRIT

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

YOU AND RUD WERE FAIRLY EVENLY MATCHED

YOU JUST FOUGHT STUPIDLY

LEARN THIS DURING YOUR TRAINING SESSION

IT'S A TECHNIQUE THAT'S CRITICAL FOR YOU AT THIS POINT

YOU'RE NOT SUITED FOR HIGH LEVEL ATTACKS OR NEW TECHNIQUES AND IT'S NOT READILY COMPATIBLE WITH IRON SPIRIT

BUT THIS SHOULD BE ALRIGHT IN COMPARISON

YOU CAN'T COVER YOUR WEAKNESSES WITH IRON SPIRIT FOREVER

IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO MASTER AN ART

THIS APPLIES TO RUD AS WELL

THAT SAID, TAKING SOME TIME TO LEARN A DIFFERENT ART ASIDE FROM IRON SPIRIT WILL BE AN ASSET FOR YOU

THE BEST THING WOULD BE THAT OPPOSITE ABILITIES LIKE YOU AND RUD DON'T FIGHT, BUT THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK FOR YOU...

VERA, I'VE HEARD OF THIS TECHNIQUE

REALLY? THAT'S GOOD

This is the technique that that idiot Honse Gu created !!

Even if you're disappoin ted in me, this is-!

WASN'T IT THAT, BEFORE HE CLOSED HIS OWN MARTIAL ENERGY RIGHT IN FRONT OF US...

THE ONLY ONES ABOVE HONSE WERE ANICHELLA AND ME?

DON'T GET COCKY, GUHOO!

HOW DO YOU THINK FELINE CLAW WOULD HAVE ADVANCED TO SWORD FORCE?

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AN ART THAT COMPRESSED KI AND SHARPLY EXTENDED IT

CREATING A TECHNIQUE THAT HELD THAT EXTENDED FORM AND BUILDING UPON IT TO CREATE SWORD FORCE. DO YOU KNOW WHO DID THAT?

I'M CONVINCED THAT IT WAS DEFINITELY GU HONSE

DON'T TAKE HIM LIGHTLY

ALSO... YOU DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT I'M BARELY ABLE TO SUPPRESS MY FURY WITH YOU

DON'T TALK BACK TO ME!

IF YOU UNDERSTAND, THEN IMMEDIATELY BEGIN YOUR ISOLATION TRAINING

YOU SHOULDN'T NEED YOUR ARMS TO WALK, GET MOVING

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JEEHA?

COME IN~

HOW ARE YOU DO'NG?

STILL HOSPI-TALIZED

GUHOO'S ALREADY UP AND WALKING AROUND

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN RESILIENT

HONSE CAME AND WENT A WHILE AGO

HE BROUGHT A VERY VALUABLE GIFT

HAVE YOU BEEN BY YOURSELF?

HEH~ THAT SCROOGE ? WHAT HAPPENED ?

WHAT IS IT?

HE SAID IT'S GINSENG

YOU DON'T ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT?

WELL... IT WAS HARD TO DENY

HUH?

UH, CLEARLY, IT'S HARD TO DENY...

BUT CAN GINSENG LOOK LIKE THIS?

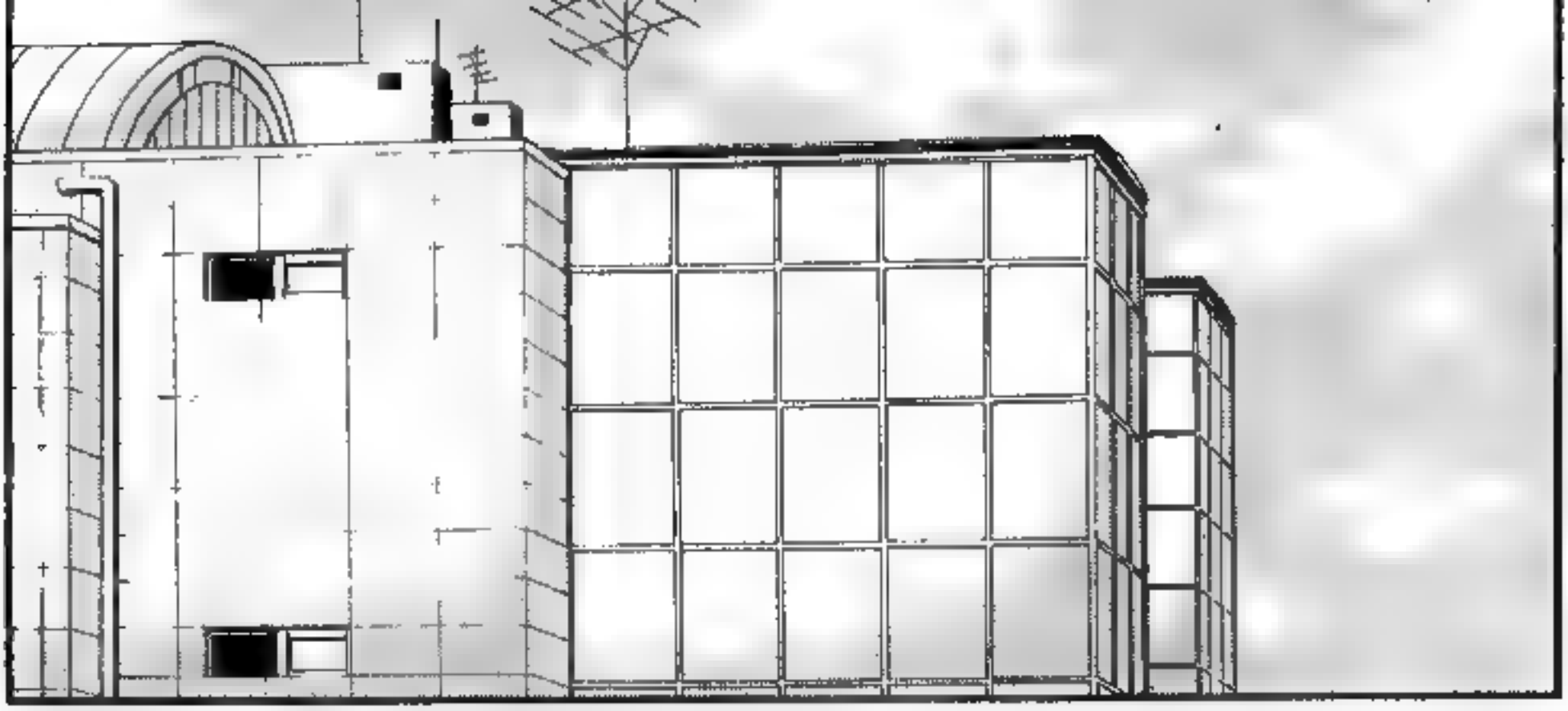
HE SAID THAT IT WAS BECAUSE IT'S OLD

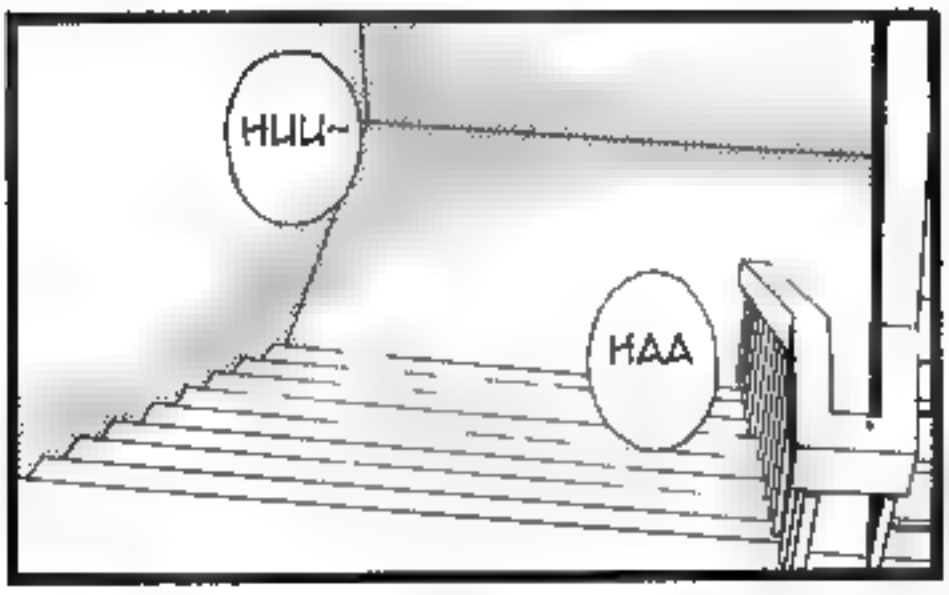
YEAH, BUT THIS...

HAHA~

IT'S SOME-THING YOU SEE WHEN YOU'RE PRE-PARING KIMCHI

*RADISH. GINSENG

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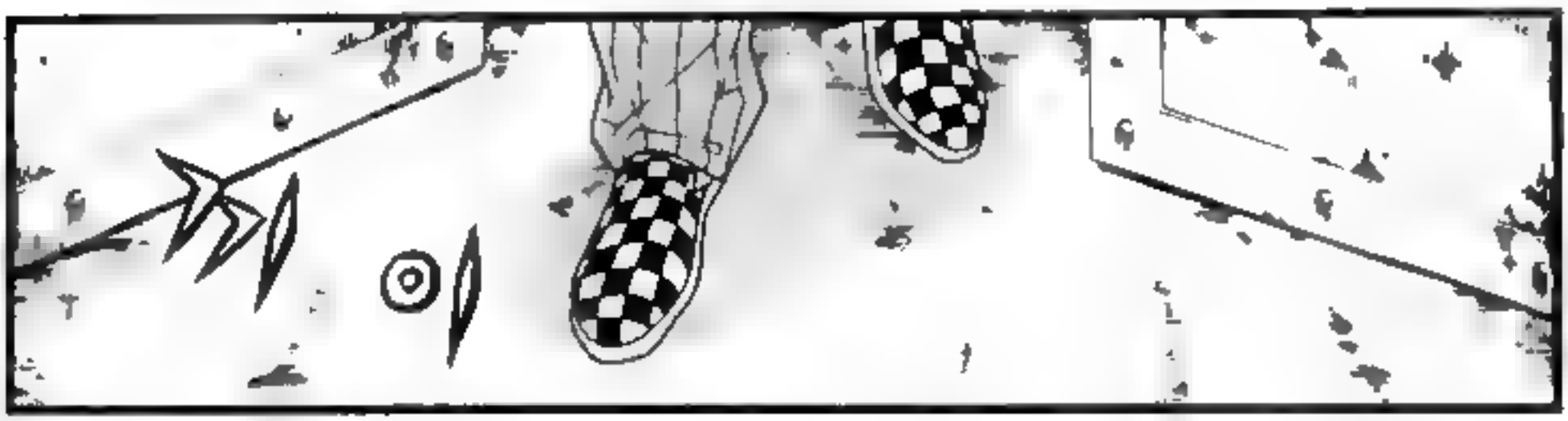

HEY~ HOW MANY DAYS IS THIS?
RELAX DON'T YOU KNOW THAT RUSHING THIS WON'T WORK?

YOU USED TO DO IT EVERYDAY EVEN THOUGH YOU THOUGHT IT WAS TEDIOUS...
BUT DOING IT LONGER NOW IS KINDA...
JUST SHUT IT, DUDE!

DON'T SEE YOU FOR A FEW DAYS AND I WAS EN JOYING THE PEACE AND QUIE

DON'T DISTURB MY TRAINING AND

HUH ?

HUHUHU-

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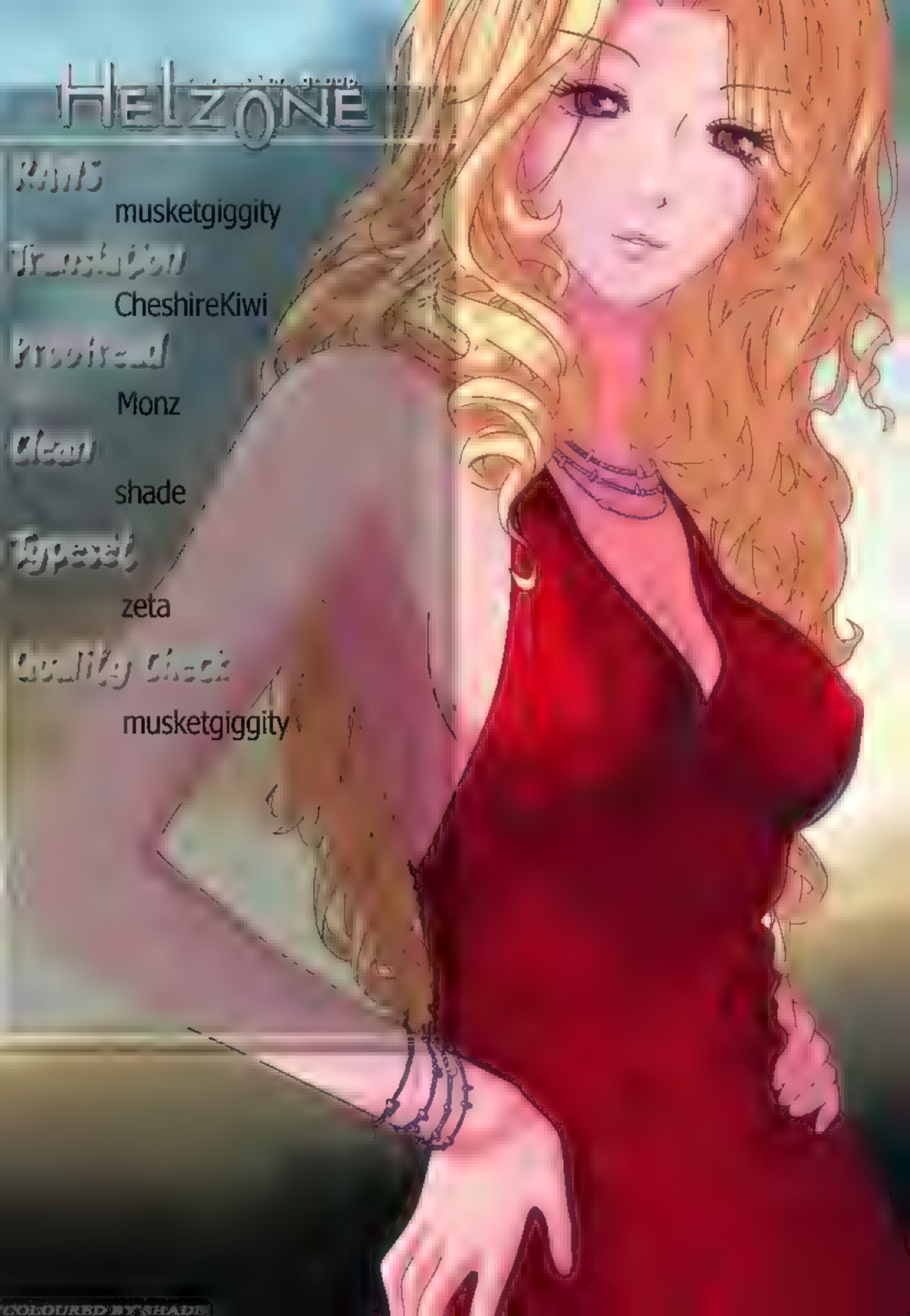

HELZONE
MUSKETGIGGITY
ANOTHER CHAPTER HERE AND GONE, AS SAD AS IT IS FOR ME TO SAY, OUR TRANSLATOR CHESHIREKIWI IS LEAVING US. THANKS FOR TRANSLATING THE LAST FEW CHAPTERS FOR HELZONE AND WE'LL MISS YA. WITH KIWI LEAVING US YOU ALL KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.
WE NEED A NEW VERITAS TRANSLATOR!!!
IRCHIGHWAY #HELZONE

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SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU.

WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT?

UHUHU....

SHOULD I SAY THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES MADE IT DIFFICULT TO SHOW MY TRUE SELF?

IN THAT OUTFIT?

KEEP YOUR TRUE SELF HIDDEN.

I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ONE TO NOT BE JEALOUS WHEN HIS FRIEND'S DOING WELL...

BUT YOUR JEALOUS GAZE HURTS MY HEART GANGRYONG.

AH~ SHUT UP AND GO AWAY, IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS HERE, YA PEST!

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SFX. SWIVELS AROUND

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I BARGED IN FOR NO REASON.

SHALL WE CALL THIS A GIFT I PROMISED?

WHA---- WHAT THE HELL?!

BECAUSE I TOOK PITY ON YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE LIVING LIKE AN ANIMAL UNTIL NOW.

I PREPARED THIS FOR YOU.

I WON'T HAVE ANY OF YOUR TEARS OF GRATITUDE...

SO EXPRESS YOUR THANKS WITH A DIFFERENT EMOTION

THE PUNK WHO COULDN'T EVEN SPARE LUNCH MONEY,

SUDDENLY SHOWS UP WITH ALL THIS MESS...

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING THROUGH MY MIND RIGHT NOW?

WHO KNOWS?

MAYBE YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT HOW IN THE WORLD YOU COULD EVER EXPRESS YOUR NEWFOUND RESPECT FOR ME?

HELLO~

GANG-RYONG?

AH, YES, OF COURSE. I RECEIVED YOUR GIFT.

AFTER HAVING SOME OF IT I FEEL LIKE I'M ALL BETTER ALREADY

OKAY, OKAY I WON'T INTERFERE NEXT TIME.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN.

UH-HUH, I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.

SFX. TAK!

WHAT'S THIS? DOES THAT JERK THINK HE'S A SAINT BECAUSE HE HONORED US WITH WHITE RADISH?

GANGRYONG IS PROBABLY EXPRESSING HIS CONCERN IN HIS OWN WAY.

NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD AT LEAST EAT IT SINCE IT'S FROM GANGRYONG'S HEART...

JEEHA, COULD YOU CUT ME A PIECE?

LOVE

"FROM HIS HEART" MY ASS! CRAP LIKE THAT DOESN'T EVEN TASTE GOOD!!

I PLANTED THE THING BECAUSE I FIGURED IT WOULD BE A WASTE TO JUST TRASH IT, BUT AT LEAST IT DOESN'T LOOK BAD RIGHT?

JUST ENJOY IT AS A DECORATION.

STILL, HE GAVE IT TO ME FOR ME TO EAT IT...

I KNOW! I'LL HAVE IT IN MY ODENG SOUP*.

*'TIL NOTE ODENG SOUP IS HEAVEN IN A BOWL MAJOR INGREDIENTS INCLUDE FISH CAKES AND WHITE RADISH

HERE.

THANKS FOR THE CELL PHONE

I SEE...

HEY, TAKE YOUR CELL PHONE

SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS

THAT'S HOW YOU SAW ME ALL THIS TIME?

LIKE I WOULD FORSAKE AN INJURED FRIEND JUST SO I CAN HAVE SOME MONEY?

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE USUALLY NOT LIKE THIS...

AH~ I'M SORRY OK!

SFX. REALLY UPSET

"SORRY" HE SAYS...

THAT'S A CONVENIENT WORD SO IS "SORRY" SUFFICIENT AFTER ONE KILLS HIS OWN FRIEND?

Did I ever kill you, you idiot?!

JUST NOW, YOU KILLED MY HEART.

IN ALL MY 18 YEARS OF LIVING, WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT I COULDN'T EVEN GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF A SINGLE FRIEND.

YEAH, AT THE VERY LEAST YOU TRIED TO UNDERSTAND ME WITH YOUR COLD, FROZEN HEART. THANKS, GANGRYONG.

IT'S BEEN FUN.

What the fuck do you want me to do, dammit! I apologized!!

WELL...

WHAT EVER COULD WE DO TO NURSE MY OLD WOUNDED HEART...

DO YOU BY ANY CHANCE HAVE A BOYFR END?

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UH... Y, YEAH! OF COURSE, RIGHT?

DEF NITELY! I THINK I HAVE ONE TOO.

I MEAN WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!

HA HA HA

I also have a boyfriend!

THIS MUST BE DESTINY'S CALLING, SO WOULD YOU CARE TO HAVE TEA?

NO WAY!

AW DON'T BE LIKE THAT-

DEFINITELY NOT!

AW, HELL! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!

SOME KIND OF "HUNT" THIS IS...

DID YOU REALLY HAVE SO LITTLE TO DO?

THIS KID...!

ON SUCH A BRIGHT AND SUNNY WEEKEND LIKE TODAY, DO YOU THINK IT'S OFTEN I HAVE SO MUCH MONEY THAT I CAN ENJOY DAYS LIKE THIS?!

IF WE DON'T HUNT ON SUCH A GLORIOUS DAY, THEN WHEN WILL WE!

TL NOTE "HUNT NG" REFERS TO AN APPARENTLY FUTILE ATTEMPT AT PICKING UP WOMEN.

Then you should take the opportunity to enjoy it on your own, why the hell are you dragging me into this?!

Free herb Station

CAN THERE BE SUCH A SIMPLETON AS YOU!

ED NOTE TL GOES HUNTING ALL THE TIME :P

NOW, LISTEN CAREFULLY YOU NEWB! HUNTS ARE MUCH EASIER IN 2.2 THAN IN 1:1!

1:1 IS A DATE, BUT 2.2 IS MERELY A MEETING OF SORTS, SO THE PROBABILITY IS...

AH~ YOU'RE NOISY!

TO THINK THAT I WAS FOOLED BY AN IDIOT LIKE THIS...

IN ANY CASE, I'VE DONE MY PART SO IF YOU WANT TO KEEP FOOLING AROUND, GET RUD OR JEEHA INSTEAD!

WELL, IF I GO WITH THOSE GUYS, SURE THE CHANCES ARE GREATER...

FUEL

CONUS

BUT SINCE THOSE GUYS ARE GOOD-LOOKING, I'M LIKELY TO BE IGNORED.
just a little.

FOR THINGS LIKE THIS, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE A GUY WHO'S UGLIER THAN YOU ARE..

WHAT?

SURELY, YOU'RE NOT IMPLYING THAT I'M UGLIER THAN YOU?!

HONESTLY, I'M AT LEAST BETTER THAN YOU ARE.
by a lot

Don't make me laugh! I might not have heard that I was attractive before, but still!

SO YOU'VE NEVER HEARD THAT YOU WERE UGLY BEFORE EITHER?

WELL THAT..

COME TO THINK OF IT, I HEARD SOMEONE CALL ME THAT NOT LONG AGO...

SEE! YOU NEED TO COME TO TERMS WITH REALITY.

BUT SURELY I'M NOT WORSE OFF THAN...

HEH~

POLO RALPH LAUREN

POLO RALPH L

Make Style

HEY, ELINMEE~

SORRY~

HEY SHEE-YEON~

I KNOW IT S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU VISITED HERE, SO SORRY I'M LATE.

SORRY, SORRY. BUT TO MAKE UP FOR IT, I'LL DEFINITELY PAY FOR THE MEAL TODAY!

IT'S OK YOU WERE ONLY HALF AN HOUR LATE~

ANYWAY, DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WERE GOING TO SET ME UP ON A BLIND DATE? WHERE IS HE?

WAIT JUST A FEW MINUTES

YOU LIKE GUYS WITH BROAD SHOULDERS, RIGHT?

Ah, damn it all! Fine, think however you want!

I'm leaving!!

KUHUHU~ THE TRUTH HURTS, BUT IT'S ONLY AFTER ONE ACKNOWLEDGES IT HE CAN GROW.

IT'S ONLY AFTER YOU ACKNOWLEDGE YOU'RE UGLY, THAT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR FIRST STEP AS A HUNTER.

Hunter my ass, you piece of shit!

IT'S ONLY AFTER YOU CAN DETERMINE ACCURATELY WHAT STATE YOU ARE IN BEFORE YOU CAN ADVANCE FURTHER IN STRENGTH

WHAT DO YOU MEAN!

I'M ONLY SAYING THIS BECAUSE IT SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE FEEDING THAT WOUND YOU RECEIVED FROM VERA.

WHAT?

AND YOU FOUGHT THAT WEIRD DUMMY WHILE STILL WOUNDED. ON TOP OF THAT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED MUCH REST FOR DAYS.

THINGS LIKE THAT ONLY NURTURE DISEASES.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT POINTLESS THINGS! FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS, I'VE BEEN HEALING MYSELF WITH LINEAR KI MOVEMENT*

HOW GREAT THAT WOULD BE IF YOU HAD THAT KIND OF ABILITY.

YOU LEARNED HEAVEN'S RICHES, EOTL WHICH DERIVES DESTRUCTIVE POWER FROM SMALL AMOUNTS OF PURE KI RATHER THAN LARGE AMOUNTS OF KI...

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ENOUGH KI TO HEAL YOUR BODY WITH LINEAR KI MOVEMENT.

*FORM OF A KI MANIPULATION MOVING FOCUSED KI AROUND CERTAIN PRESSURE POINTS, BELIEVED TO HAVE HEALING EFFECT ON THE BODY

IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT ONE SUFFERS HEAVY NTERNAL INJURIES BECAUSE OF STRONG EXPLOSIVE POWER.....

BUT ONCE YOU RECE VE SUCH AN NJURY, T'S DIFFICULT TO RECOVER FROM. ISN'T THAT THE WEAKNESS OF HEAVEN'S R CHES CLASS?

INJURIES LIKE YOURS AREN'T QUITE THAT SER OUS SO YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECOVER EASILY IF YOU WOULD ONLY REST.

BUT YOU WON'T REST.

I PROBABLY SOUND TRITE BY SAYING THIS, BUT REST IS ALSO PART OF ONE'S TRAIN NG...

YOU KNOW...

YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE AWFULLY WELL-EDUCATED ABOUT HEAVEN'S R CHES CLASS.

EH? AHAHAHA~ I JUST HAPPEN TO LISTEN TO THE GOSSIP GOING AROUND...

IN ANY CASE, WHAT I WANTED TO SAY WAS~

YOU WANT ME TO REST? HA! SO WERE YOU WANT NG TO TELL ME YOU DRAGGED ME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE FOR THIS?

WELL, I D D IT TO KILL TWO B RDS WITH ONE STONE.

I ALSO WANTED SOME FORM OF ATONEMENT FOR YOU SUSPECTING MY LOYALTY AS YOUR FRIEND.

LIKE HELL!

BUT YOU HAVEN'T EVEN DONE ANYTHING FOR ME, MUCH LESS REPENT.

WHEN I WAS TRYING TO HUNT, YOU ONLY FROWNED YOUR FACE AND KEPT GETTING IN THE WAY.

ARE YOU EVEN SORRY AT ALL? AT THE VERY LEAST, COULDN'T YOU SHOW SOME SINCERITY?

SO WHAT THE HECK DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!

YOU SEE THOSE CHICKS?

WHETHER IT WORKS OR NOT, TRY TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION WITH THEM.

IF YOU ARE IN THE LEAST BIT SORRY FOR BEING SUSPICIOUS OF ME...

DON'T JUST TELL ME YOU'RE SORRY, BACK IT UP WITH SOME ACTION.

THIS GUY~ YOU'RE QUITE THE STUBBORN LITTLE PUNK!

FINE! YOU SAID IT DIDN'T MATTER IF I SUCCEED OR NOT, RIGHT?

YOU BETTER NOT TAKE THOSE WORDS BACK

SURE, WHATEVER!

AHEM!

LOOK HERE YOU TWO!

HMM?

IF YOU HAVE ANY MONEY, BUY ME SOME FOOD!

FORGET ABOUT IT IF YOU DON'T!

What, are you trying to mug me or some-thing?!

Do you even know who I am?!

SURE I'LL BUY FOR YOU.

WHOO HOO!

EEEEH ?!!

BUT SINCE I DON'T REALLY LIKE DOUBLE DATES, YOU COME WITH ME, AND LET'S HAVE YOUR FRIEND GO OUT WITH MY FRIEND PRIVATELY.

HEEEY YOU LITTLE PLAYER YOU~ YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD~

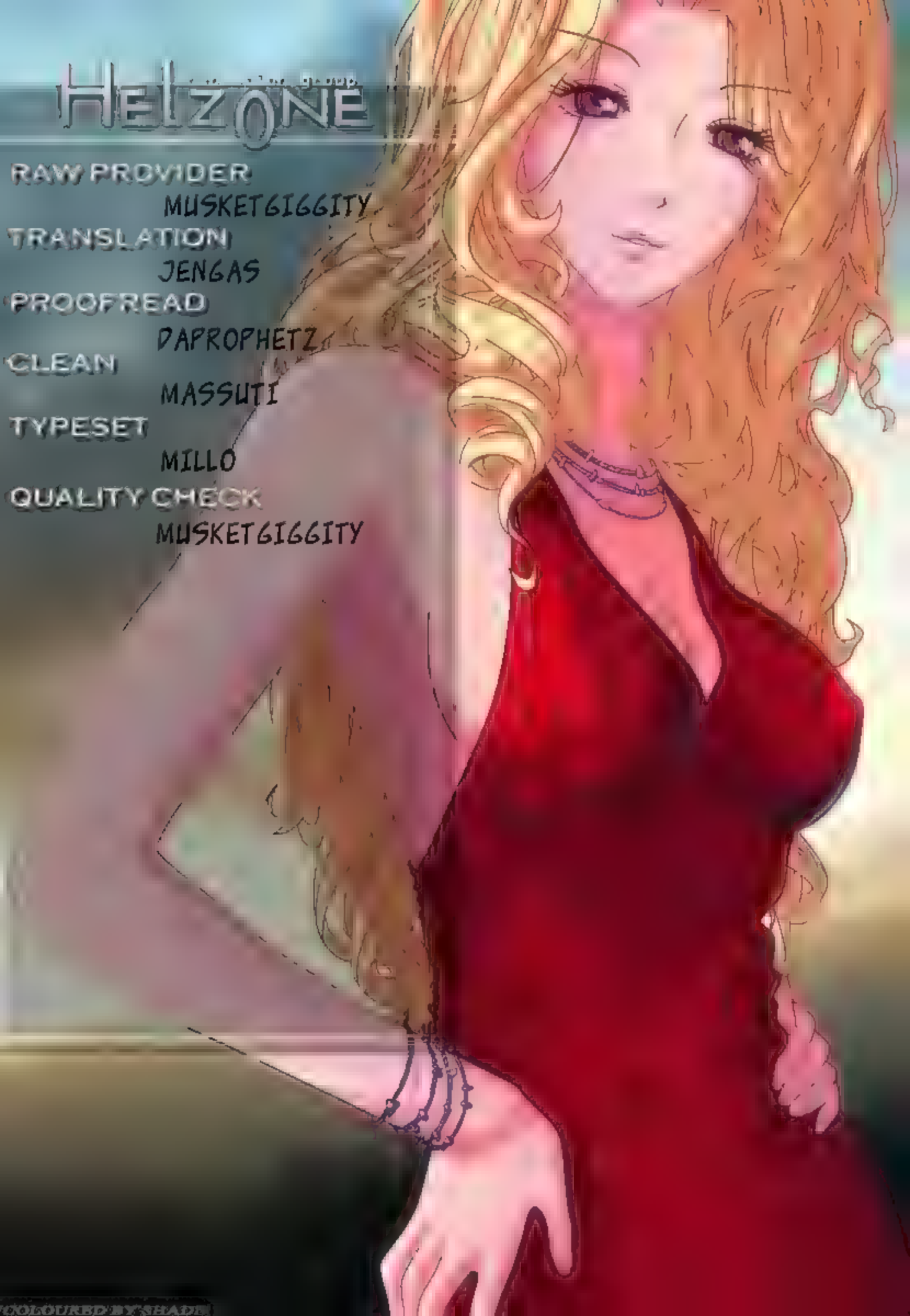
NO, HEY THERE, WAIT A SECOND!

OH-EH OH-EH

YOU WAITED SUCH A LONG TIME FOR THIS, DIDN'T YOU, SHEEYEON? HE'S THE DATE I TOLD YOU ABOUT~

EUNMEE, YOU... YOU'RE PUNISHING ME BECAUSE I WAS LATE TODAY AREN'T YOU?!

*WORDS ON THE WHITE RADDISH
WILD GINSENG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SORRY FOR THE LOW-BLOW ON PAGE 11 JENGA, IT WAS JUST TOO EASY FOR ME TO PASS UP :P
JOIN OUR IRC
IRCHIGHWAY #HELZONE
COLOURED BY SHADE

FIGHT 27 - MAKIHARA MADOKA II

HMM? IT'S A GOOD PLACE~

BUT WHERE ARE WE GOING?

OH, UM... I HAD NO IDEA YOU OWNED A CAR...

WELL, THE THING IS... IT SEEMS THAT YOU MIS-UNDERSTOOD BECAUSE OF MY OLDER-LOOKING FRIEND...

BUT I'M REALLY A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.

OH MY, REALLY?

AHAHA~ I MADE AN UNINTENTIONAL BLUNDER...

...SO SHOULD WE HEAD BACK?

IT'S OK, I LIKE YOUNGER BOYS ANYWAY.

LET'S BOTH TRY OUR BEST.

What the--- What do you mean "Try our best" ... with a minor?!

TURN THIS CAR RIGHT NOW!!

KUKU~ WE'RE HERE~

IT DOESN'T ..

LOOK LKE A RESTALRANT ...

YEAH, BUT I REALLY WANTED TO COME HERE WITH YOU.

LOOK HERE. FORGIVE ME FOR SAY.NG THIS ON OUR FIRST MEETING, BUT..

AREN'T YOU ACTING A BIT WEIRD?

WHAT IS IT? WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU PLANN.NG?

DO YOU HAVE A SHRIMP F SH NG BOAT NEARBY?

TL. NOTE. THERE WERE SOME NCIDENTS IN KOREA WHERE YOUNG KIDS ARE KIDNAPPED AND SH PPED OVERSEA ON A SHR MP/F SHING BOAT)

NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE S A PLACE CALLED THE YIN LIGHTNING TEMPLE..

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE PLACE BEFORE?

The hell?! Are you a convert of some weird religion?!

I thought something was odd about you!!

EVEN IF...

THAT WAS THE PLACE THAT LIGHTNING TIGER GREW UP IN?

WHO THE HELL...

ARE YOU?

I'M SORRY.

I WANTED TO MEET YOU W THOUT VERA OR THE REUNION KNOWING ABOUT THIS.

SO I ASKED FOR A FAVOR FROM HONSE

MY NAME IS HAN EUNMEE.

AT SCHOOL, PEOPLE KNOW ME AS MAKIHARA MADOKA.

.....

SO...

YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU'RE ALSO A STUDENT FROM THAT SCHOOL.

SO MY MASTER WAS ONCE A MONK?

GAH~ I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE SPOKE ABOUT BORING AND OLD-FASHIONED THINGS.

NO, HE WASN'T A BUDDHIST MONK OR ANYTHING, I JUST HEARD THAT WHEN HE WAS AN ORPHAN, HE WAS TAKEN UNDER THE WING OF A MASTER THERE.

HE SURE LED A CRAPPY LIFE

He's like me~

WELL IN ANY CASE..

HOW COME YOU KNOW ALL OF THIS?

WHY'D YOU WANT TO MEET WITH ME IN PRIVATE?

IF YOU'RE A STUDENT FROM THAT SCHOOL, THAT MEANS YOU'RE ONE OF REUNION'S LACKEYS.

HMM...

HEY...

YOU'RE PREDIJUCED, AREN'T YOU?

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT ALL THE STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE SCHOOL FOLLOW THE REUNION UNCONDITIONALLY?

HEY! DON'T TALK SO CLOSE TO ME!

BUT AIN'T I RIGHT? DON'T ALL OF YOU HOPE TO BE PART OF THE REUNION'S ADMINISTRATION?

CERTAINLY THE MAJORITY (OF STUDENTS) ARE LIKE THAT...

BUT RATHER THAN IT BEING UNCONDITIONAL, THEY DECIDED ON THEIR OWN WAY FOR THEIR FUTURE.

AND THE STRONGER (STUDENTS) GET MORE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE.

AND I'M ONE OF THE TOP 5 STUDENTS...

WHO HAVE ALREADY PASSED THE GRADUATION EXAM OF THIS SCHOOL.

GOOD FOR YOU~ SO DID YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME IN PRIVATE?

THAT'S FINE! MY TRAINING'S NOT COMPLETE YET, BUT WHAT THE HECK, I'LL ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE.

YOU REALLY HAVE NO SOCIAL GRACE DO YOU?

you're a hard type to befriend

TS NOTE RAWR~

YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG; WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY IS...

DON'T YOU WANT TO LIVE FREELY OUT OF THIS SCHOOL?

IF YOU CHOOSE SO...

I CAN PROVIDE THAT FOR YOU.

IT'S POSSIBLE HERE AND NOW.

IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WON'T PRESENT ITSELF IN DAYS FOLLOWING, BUT I CAN LET YOU RETURN TO YOUR FORMER LIFE.

YOU DIDN'T COME HERE OF YOUR OWN WILL ANYWAY.

WHO ARE YOU? YOU DON'T KNOW A THING!

I KNOW VERY WELL.

IN FACT, THERE MAY NOT BE ANYONE IN TH.S SCHOOL WHO KNOWS YOU AS WELL AS I DO.

BECAUSE...

I'M THE ONE WHO SCOUTED YOU.

WHAT?

YOU PROBABLY WON'T REMEMBER THIS.

BUT ABOUT 5 MONTHS AGO... I FOLLOWED TRACES OF LIGHTNING TIGER TO YOUR HOMETOWN.

SURELY
THERE'S NO WAY

Hey, you Yankees over there!

I told you to leave our school's kids alone!!

Who does this punk think he is!!

He's only a high school student, that arrogant fuck!!

Yankees should only play where Yankees live!

Why do you keep involving high school kids!!

TL NOTE: YANKEE MEANS DELINQUENT IN KOREA. SIMILAR IDEA TO "YANKEE-KUN TO MEGANE-CHAN"

Around these parts...

WE HAVE GUANG-POONG HIGH!

AND CLEARLY YOU'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THE MA GANGRYONG RESIDENCE AT GUANGPOONG HIGH!

TODAY, I'LL GIVE YOU A FORMAL LESSON!!

SEX-EL

YOU LITTLE...

Get him!!

SFX. PPAK! PPAK! PPAK!

DIE !!!

All talk and no walk!

What's in Guangpoong High?!

SFX. PAK! PAK! PAK!

I WAS GOING TO GO EASY ON YOU PUNKS!!

SFX. BZZT!

GUHAA!

I SAID IT'S MA GANG-RYONG!!

따지지

ON MY REPORT, I WROTE BACK THE FOLLOWING:

WHILE I CANNOT CLAIM FOR CERTAIN, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO UTILIZES THE ELECTRICITY TYPE MARTIAL ART HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.

INVESTIGATE IF INTERESTED.

AT THE TIME, LOCATING LIGHTNING TIGER WAS MY ONLY OBJECTIVE.

BECAUSE I WOULD'VE NEVER THOUGHT THAT LIGHTNING TIGER WOULD HAVE AN APPRENTICE AT HIS AGE..

I ASSUMED THAT ANY MATTER CONCERNING YOUR INVESTIGATION WAS NOT MY PROBLEM.

DID THAT HAPPEN?

NOW THAT YOU MENTIONED IT I DO RECALL ALMOST GETTING INTO BIG TROUBLE BECAUSE I USED THE LIGHTNING FIST ON SOME YANKEES..

BUT AROUND 3 WEEKS AGO, WHEN I REPORTED BACK TO SHINRA, I RECEIVED SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT YOU FROM HER.

THAT YOU HAD NO FORMAL MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING AS A CHILD.

THAT LIGHTNING TIGER HAD MERELY CHOSEN YOU AS THE SUCCESSOR OF EOTL, AND THAT YOU WERE ONLY A NORMAL STUDENT SELECTED TO PREVENT THE DISINTEGRATION OF EOTL.

SO I FELT A LITTLE GUILTY FOR YOU IF IT WASN'T FOR ME, THEN YOU WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE AN ORDINARY LIFE...

DRAGG NG ME OUT HERE JUST TO TELL ME ALL THIS POINTLESS SHIT HAS MADE ME SPEECHLESS.

LET'S GO BACK.

WHAT?

IF YOU'RE THE PERSON WHO RECRUITED ME TO TH S SCHOOL, I CAN ONLY BE GRATEFUL.

SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT CRAP LIKE THIS.

WHY IS THAT?

I CAN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND.

I WANT TO PERFECT THE ART OF EOTL SO I CAN BECOME STRONGER...

AND THE REU- NION IS HELP NG ME TO PERFECT EOTL SO THEY CAN STEAL IT.

AND THE SCHOOL IS THE PERFECT FACILITY TO MEET THAT BARGAIN. THAT'S WHY. YOU HAPPY?

THAT'S QUITE A CONVENIENT REASON.

THEN WHAT ABOUT AVENGING L.GHTN NG TIGER?

AS LONG AS YOU GET STRONGER, DOES IT NOT MATTER WHETHER YOU'RE WORKING FOR YOUR MASTER'S ENEMIES OR ANYTH.NG?

THEN AGAIN, I SUPPOSE THE REUNION WOULD BE MUCH BETTER FOR YOUR FUTURE...

SORRY, I WAS THINKING TOO EMOTIONALLY.

TS NOTE LOL GANGRYONG LOOKS LIKE HE IS GOING TO RAPE HER

HUH?

HEY, LET'S GET ONE THING STRAI-GHT

BETWEEN A PERSON WHO OFFERED YOU WATER WHEN YOU WERE DYING OF THIRST,

AND ANOTHER ONE WHO OFFERED MORE WATER WHEN YOU COULDN'T EVEN FINISH THE FIRST CUP, WHO WOULD YOU BE MORE GRATEFUL TOWARD?

WHILE I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT WAS, MY MASTER PROVIDED THE ONE CRITICAL THING I NEEDED.

SPOILED BRATS LIKE YOU WHO ALREADY HAVE EVERYTHING WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND THIS. BUT WHAT I GAINED FROM HIM IS MORE VALUABLE TO ME THAN ANYTHING I'VE EVER OWNED BEFORE.

NO DOUBT, I HATE THE REUNION WHO KILLED MY MASTER.

BUT WHAT I HATE MORE IS THE FACT THAT I'M THIS WEAK.

YOU JUST TOLD ME THAT THE STRONGER WILL HAVE MORE FREEDOM ..

DO YOU THINK I'M STRONG ENOUGH TO HAVE SUCH A CHOICE?

UM... WELL... I DON'T KNOW.

DON'T BABBLE ON IF YOU DON'T KNOW A THING

I FEEL FILTHY JUST LISTENING TO THAT CRAP

IF EVERYTHING'S COOL, THEN LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

I'M A BUSY MAN.

BUT, HEY...

AREN'T YOU CURIOUS HOW I WOULD GRANT YOU FREEDOM FROM THE SCHOOL?

NOT AT ALL!

I DON'T WANT TO BE CONCERNED WITH POINTLESS MATTERS

WOW~ YOU'RE PRETTY UNRELENTING~

I LIKE YOU~

WHAT?

WHEN I'M DRAWING CARS, I CAN'T HELP MAK NG CARNO SES
VOOOOO-VROOM VRRRRR-OOOOM~!
WHEN'S THAT GENTLEMAN GOING TO GROW UP?

HELZONE
Raw Provider
musketgiggity
Translator
Jengas
Cleaner
shade
Typesetter
Millo
Proofreader
Melodicxstar
Quality Checker
Fred
COLOURED BY SHADE

FIGHT 28-
RUDY'S REMINISCENCE

ABSOLUTE RANGE FOR COUNTERING A KI ATTACK IS...

69.6 CM?

THE METHOD TO T ME A HALF-STEP TO MATCH THE OPPONENT'S ATTACK IS VERY SIMPLE.

THE FIGHTER SHOULD EXECUTE THE HALF STEP WHEN HE FEELS HIS OPPONENT'S ATTACK AT THE PREC SE DIS-TANCE OF 69 6 CM.

WHAT'S THIS? EVERY OPPONENT'S ATTACK SPEED VARIES, SO HOW CAN THEY COME UP WITH SUCH A PRECISE MEASUREMENT?

DON'T READ IT THEY'RE ALL BULLSHIT

HMM.. OBVIOUSLY, THE SUCCESS RATE ISN'T 100% BUT ABOUT 70% AND..

THE MEASUREMENT OF 69.6 CM WAS DERIVED FROM THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF SWORDS, MAN'S MOST OFTEN USED WEAPON... IT SAYS...

I PROBABLY NEED TO READ MORE TO BE CERTAIN, BUT..

NO WAY! DO YOU THINK THEORIES LIKE THAT ACTUALLY WORK?

THIS...

DOESN'T SEEM TO BE COMPLETELY GROUNDLESS

ON TOP OF THAT, WHAT IF YOU HAPPEN TO RECEIVE THE BLOW THAT'S OUTSIDE OF 70%?

IS IT TELLING YOU TO JUST DIE?

BUT THERE'S SOMETHING INTERESTING WRITTEN HERE.

THE 70% IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE STUDENTS WHO ARE TRADITIONAL SUCCESSORS WHO HAVE EACH MASTERED THE BASICS USING THEIR OWN UNIQUE ART

HOWEVER, WHEN UTILIZED AGAINST REGULAR STEP METHODS OR REUNION STUDENTS WHO MASTERED THE BASICS THROUGH STANDARDIZED TRAINING...

ONE CAN SEE THE HALF STEP'S EFFICIENCY RATE GETTING AS HIGH AS 95%

WOW~

I UNDERSTAND NOW.

THIS METHOD IS TAILORED **SPECIFICALLY** AGAINST US.

LIKE HELL!

THERE'S **NO WAY** WE CAN HAVE SUCH A CRITICAL WEAKNESS.

IF THAT WERE THE CASE, VERA WOULD'VE ALREADY...

DO YOU THINK THAT VERA BLINDLY TAKES OUR SIDE EVERY TIME, GUHOO?

AT THE VERY LEAST, WHEN IT COMES TO MARTIAL ARTS COMPETIT ON, VERA IS MORE IMPARTIAL AND STRICT THAN ANYONE ELSE.

THOUGH LIGHTNING TIGER'S APPRENTICE APPEARS TO BE AN EXCEPTION.

I BET IT WAS AN UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING WHEN VERA GAVE YOU THIS BOOK, AS IF SHE WERE HELPING OUT A NOVICE IN A FIGHT.

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHEN I FOUGHT JEEHA SOME TIME AGO...

WHENEVER I THREW DECISIVE BLOWS AT CRITICAL MOMENTS, I WAS COUNTERED INSTEAD.

AND THEN JUST A FEW DAYS AGO...

WHEN YOU FOUGHT AGAINST RUD, WASN'T THERE A SIMILAR INCIDENT?

WHAT DO YOU THINK, GUHOO?

I DON'T WANT TO CONCERN MYSELF WITH A PATHETIC BATTLE LIKE THAT

AT ANY RATE, IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO LEARN IT

DON'T WORRY I WON'T NEGLECT MY TRAINING SIMPLY BECAUSE HONSE DEVELOPED THE TECHNIQUE

...

ANYWAY, I'M SORRY SHINRA. BECAUSE OF ME, YOU'RE ALSO HAVING TO GO THROUGH SO-LATED...

WHAT ARE YOU TALK NG ABOUT? I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SORRY

IF ONLY I HADN'T INCITED THAT...

THE THING I'M MOST SORRY ABOUT...

HUH?

IS THE FACT THAT I LOST A BATTLE THAT I COULD'VE WON.

HOW HUMILI-ATING...

L KE RUO SA D, T MAY BE BECAUSE OF THE MEMORIES OF THE DAYS WHEN I USED TO BE SU-PERIOR TO HIM...

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT AS LONG AS OUR STRENGTHS WERE EQUAL, I WOULD BE ABLE TO BEAT HIM.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT I WAS AT A LOWER LEVEL, I WAS TOO CARE-LESS AS A CHAL-LENGER

I FOUGHT AGAINST HIM WITH SUCH AN IMPRUDENT ATTITUDE

I DIDN'T FIGHT HIM WITH MY BEST THAT'S WHAT I'M SORRY FOR, SHINRA.

GJHOO...

I'M RETURNING TO THE HOSPITAL NOW.

SINCE I CAN'T EVEN ENTER SOLATION TRAIN NG BECAUSE OF DOCTOR'S ORDERS, AT THE LEAST I SHOULDN'T STAY OUTSIDE SO LATE

HUH...IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HUNG OUT, BUT...

DID HE HEAR IT AS ME NAGGING HIM TO TRY HARDER?

I JUST READ IT ALOUD BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I READ THIS TOO..

IT ONLY ENDED UP KILLING THE MOOD..

HUH?

1996?
THIS WAS WRIT-
TEN FOUR
YEARS AGO.

1996년 X월 O일

BUT THEN
AGAIN,
TH S WAS
PROBABLY
PUBLICIZED
ONLY
BECALSE OF
THAT TIME

THEN..
DOES THAT MEAN
THAT YOU
COULD'VE CREATED
MORE THINGS
THESE PAST FOUR
YEARS?

I'M SORRY FOR
LOOKING DOWN
ON YOU ALL
THIS T ME,
HONSE.

SO I
TOLD HER

I'M THE
WIND...

THAT SHE CAN MAKE ME STAY FOR A LITTLE WHILE, BUT SHE COULDN'T KEEP ME BY HER SIDE FOR-EVER.

SO THE HEART-BROKEN GIRL COULDN'T OVER-COME HER TOR-RENT OF EMO-TIONS AND...

WHATEVER. SO YOU'RE TELL-ING US THAT GANGRYONG IS WITH MADOKA RIGHT?

YOU DIDN'T REALLY BRING US HERE BECAUSE YOU WERE CON-CERNED ABOUT THAT?

And the tender palm of her hand. But to me she was

LIKE I WOULD DO THAT~ NO, IT'S NOT THAT, BUT MADOKA HAD SAID SOME ZESTY THINGS..

OH YEAH?

WHAT COULD SHE HAVE POSSIBLY SAID?

THE THING IS.. BEFORE MADOKA RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL, HER FORMER COLLEAGUE, PAUL CONTACTED HER..

AND WITHOUT WARNING SAID THIS:

[illegible] THIS ON TO EITHER RUD OR JEEHA?

IF AND I DO MEAN IF...THOSE GUYS ARE ABLE TO OCCUPY FIVE OF THE ELEVEN STUDENT COUNCIL POSITIONS...

THAT I CAN PULL SOME STRINGS TO GET YOU ONE [illegible] SEAT

WAS WHAT HE SAID.

HUH~ IT IS GOOD NEWS~ BUT WHY IS HE DOING THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?

THAT KID WAS ALWAYS CLOSER TO DIRECTOR FIRE DRAGON THAN VERA.

THERE'S PROBABLY AN ULTER OR MOTIVE

HE'S CERTAINLY A CRYPTIC FELLOW, BUT HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO LIE TO US ABOUT MATTERS LIKE THESE, IS HE?

WOULD IT BE SAFE TO SAY WE JUST GAINED ROOM FOR ONE MORE PERSON ON OUR SIDE?

THERE'S NO DOUBT SO DOES THAT MEAN THAT EVEN WITHOUT GANGRYONG...

THAT THE MEMBER POSITIONS WILL ROUGHLY BE FILLED?

CONSIDERING EOTL'S POTENTIAL AS WELL AS FIRE DRAGON'S PROTECTION...

GANGRYONG WILL GROW AT A NOTICEABLE RATE.

THEN...

YES...

IT'S TIME TO BEGIN.

BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR THIS FOR A LONG TIME...

WE DON'T KNOW IF THIS WILL WORK OR NOT...

BUT WE'VE...

MADE THEM WAIT FOR TOO LONG.

SFX: ROLL

데구르르

M...MOM...

NOTE: ORIGINAL TEXT :

grandpa~
(할아버지~)

하아 하아

There's someone collapsed here.
(여기 어떤 애가 쓰러져 있어)

He seems a Korean just like grandpa.
(할아버지처럼 한국인 같아)

Hmm…
maybe he had some sort of seizure?
(흠… 무슨 발작이라도 일어난 건가?)

NOTE: ORIGINAL TEXT

His pulse is irregular (맥이 정상인과는 너무 틀려)

I doubt it if he'll live long. The poor child. (가엾게도 오래 살지 못하겠구나, 이 아이는.)

Eh? (에?)

Grandpa, can't you fix him? (할아버지가 고쳐줄 수 없는 거야?)

Why don't you teach him some breathing methods. (할아버지의 호흡법을 가르쳐주면 어때?)

AniChella. I am not a God. (아니첼리. 할아버지도 만능은 아니란다.)

There're things that I can't fix. (못하는 일도 있는거야)

That might help fight off the illness. (그럼 분명 병과 싸울 수 있을 만큼 튼튼해질 거야.)

AniChella…
that should be
passed onto a person
who fate brings along.
(아나첼리…
그건 운명과 인연에 따라 만난
단 한 명의 상대에게만
전해주는 아주 특별한
기술이란다.)

You can't
teach that to
anyone that
comes along.
(아무에게나 가르쳐줄 수
있는 게 아니야.)

NOTE: ORIGINAL TEXT

But, fate brought
him to me?
That means
I can teach him.
(그렇다면 할아버지가
아닌 내가 운명과
인연에 따라 만난
이 아이에게
가르쳐주겠어.)

Right,
grandpa?
(그럼 되지?)

You mean
that it should be
passed onto that
one special …
(일인전승…
그런 거란 말이지?)

AniChella…
it's nonsense.
(아나첼리…
그런 억지가.)

I'll only
teach him
a small portion.
(대신 아주 조금만
가르쳐줄게.)

We can't
let him die.
(이대로 죽어가게
내버려둘 순 없어.)

You!
What's
your name?
(애! 넌 이름이
뭐니?)

I'll make
you stronger.
(지금부터 내가 널
튼튼하게
만들어줄게.)

I'm… Rud…
(난… 루드…)

Rud Han.
(루드 한.)

Rud….
(루드….)

Grandpa has passed away.
(할아버지가 돌아가셨어.)

I plan to go to a place called Reunion. They'll take care of me and teach me all the methods
(난 리유니온이라는 곳에 들어갈 거야. 그곳에서 날 돌봐주고 교육시켜주겠대.)

JIN SAN YOO

I'm not stupid
(누굴 바보로 알아?)

NOTE: ORIGINAL TEXT

Grandpa passing away has something to do with those guys.
(그녀석들이 찾아오고나서 할아버지가 돌아가셨어 분명 그 녀석들이 할아버지의 죽음과 관련이 있을 거야.)

I really do not want to go there
(그곳에 가긴 정말 싫지만…)

But I have no other place to go.
(달리 갈 곳이 없어.)

Would you go with me, Rud?
(같이 가줄래, 루드?)

They have a boarding school
(거긴 기숙사 학교도 되니까.)

DID RUD FAINT AGAIN?

HE'S QUITE THE PATHETIC ONE

HE'S EVEN WORSE THAN NORMAL KIDS

HOW IN THE WORLD DID THIS BOY GET ADMITTED INTO THE SCHOOL?

ANICHELLA OBSTINATELY REFUSED TO ENTER THE SCHOOL UNLESS THE BOY ALSO CAME WITH HER

ANICHELLA? THE S-CLASS GIRL WHO'S RUMORED TO BECOME VERA'S RIVAL?

HA~ IT TRULY IS LUCK, THEN

BUT AT HIS CURRENT RATE, HE WOULDN'T BE PERMITTED TO RECEIVE ANY SPECIAL ART.

INSTEAD, IT'D BE BEST IF HE GAVE UP NOW

I CONGRATULATE YOU GUYS THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE HAS FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN SYNTHESIZING ARTIFICIAL KI

NOW, JUST AS LONG AS YOUR BODIES CAN HANDLE IT, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE UNRESTRICTED ENERGY.

HOWEVER, AS YOU ALL MAY KNOW, NOT EVERYONE WILL BE GRANTED THIS PRIVILEGE.

IN ONE YEAR, THOSE WHO PASS THE ADMISSION EXAM WILL BE ADMITTED IN, AND THOSE WHO FAIL THE EXAM WILL BE ASKED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SCHOOL

AND UNTIL THEN, MAKE SURE YOU TRAIN HARD TO MASTER THE SCHOOL'S SPECIALIZED ART OR YOUR OWN SECRET ART!

I'M SORRY, PUD

WHEN GRANDPA DIED, HE GAVE ME SPECIFIC ORDERS TO NOT SHARE ANY OF THE INHERITANCE WITH YOU

THE ONLY THING I CAN OFFER YOU... IS THIS.

FELINE CLAWS

I HEARD IT WAS WRITTEN BY A FRIEND OF GRANDPA'S

BUT THIS... HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS ONE OF THE MOST INFERIOR DIVISIONS OF MARTIAL ARTS

I'M FINE NOW...

JUST HAVING THIS... BUT DON'T OVERDO IT, PUD

OK, I UNDERSTAND

I

WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE

YOU NEED TO STOP

AT ANY COST

THERE ARE THINGS THAT NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE

YOU'RE NOT FIT FOR THIS SCHOOL

NO MATTER WHAT

I WILL REMAIN HERE.

YOU GUYS THINK..

REGARDLESS OF WHAT PRICE I MUST PAY IN ORDER TO REPAY MY DEBT

IF I WIN THIS MATCH, I WILL BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE VERA EVEN BEFORE HONSE

I WILL W N NO MATTER WHAT, SO YOU BETTER WATCH ME.

YEAH.

HOW IS IT THAT A GIRL AS STRONG AS YOU ARE..

THERE MUST BE A MISTAKE

HOW IS IT THAT YOU...

LOST

IT WAS A BORING MATCH.

VERA'S RIVAL? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

TO A MERE PUNK LIKE HIM!!

THE HELL'S THIS?

ARE YOU TRYING TO AVENGE HER?

KUKU! HOW ABOUT KNOWING YOUR PLACE BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK ME?

YOU AGAIN?

I'M GET-TING SICK OF THIS NOW.

IF YOU TRY TO COME AT ME AGAIN, NEXT TIME, I WILL BE SURE TO KILL YOU.

YOU'RE PRE-TTY GOOD. YOU'VE GOT-TEN BETTER

BUT THIS IS YOUR LIMIT

WHAT'S THIS?

YOU MADE ME BLEED...

WHAT WAS THAT THING YOU JUST DID?

STOP! THAT'S ENOUGH!

UNDER WHOSE AUTHORITY ARE YOU HAVING THIS MATCH?

WELL~

CAN'T YOU GIVE ME JUST ONE CHANCE, VERA? I PROMISED HIM THAT I WOULD SURELY KILL H.M TH S TIME

I'LL BE DONE PROMPTLY

YOU LOST THIS MATCH, GUHOO.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, THEN I SUGGEST YOU STOP

WHAT?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THAT I LOST TO THE LIKES OF HIM?

REMARK-ABLE, RUD... I WAS VERY SURPRISED.

HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO PULL YOURSELF UP THIS FAR WITH YOUR TALENT?

THIS SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE.

I TRIED.

BUT SIMPLE EFFORT SHOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO DO THIS?

I TRIED...

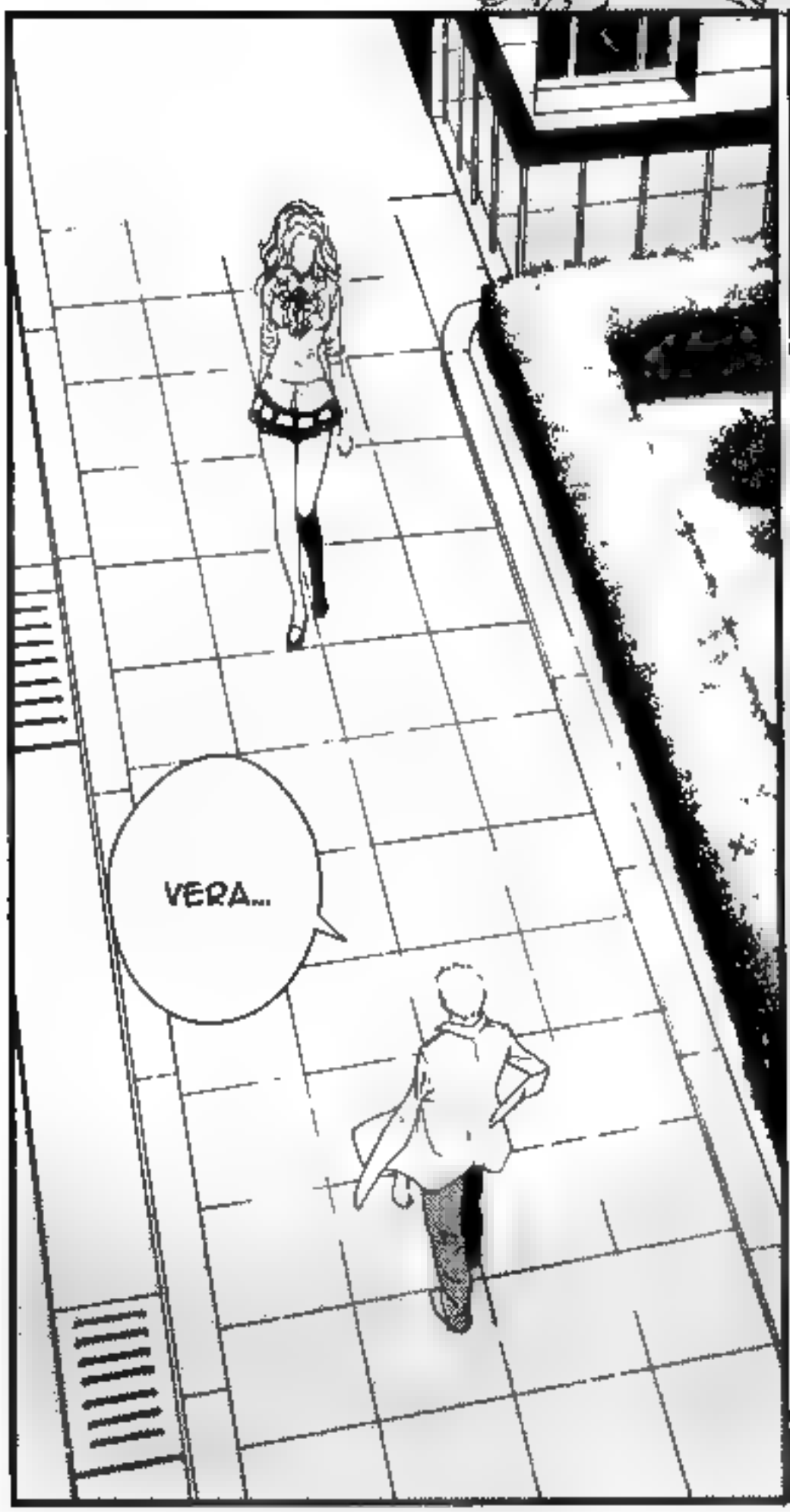
HARDER THAN I COULD'VE EVER IMAG-INED...

ARE YOU ASKING ME WHY I WOULDN'T ALLOW YOU AND GUHOO TO FIGHT?

I CAN SEE WHY GUHOO WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, BUT ARE YOU REALLY ASK NG ME BE-CAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW?

LISTEN CLOSELY, NO MATTER HOW OFTEN YOU REQUEST FOR A DUEL, AS LONG AS I'M HERE, I W LL NEVER CONSENT TO YOUR BATTLE.

SO DON'T BOTHER ME ANY FURTHER REGARDING THIS MATTER.


VERA...

UMM .. THE DOCTOR ..
I KNOW.

GUHOO...

DIDN'T YOU INCUR A DEBT TO SOMEONE SOME YEARS AGO?

What do you mean debt?! That doesn't make sense, Vera!!

That was something I obviously should have!!

NOT ONLY WAS THAT NEVER YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, NOBODY EVER EXPECTED YOU TO TAKE IT ON EITHER.

BUT YOU DID IT ANYWAY.

AFTER THAT DAY, I TRUSTED YOU.

MORE THAN ANYONE IN THIS SCHOOL.

IF THE OCCA-SION EVER AROSE THAT I HAD TO TRUST MY BACK TO SOMEONE,

WITHOUT HESITATION, I WOULD HAVE YOU AT MY BACK.

SO...

DON'T DIS-APPOINT ME ANY FURTHER.

THIS REALLY...

BRINGS BACK OLD MEMORIES.

INDEED...

IT'S JUST THAT EV-ERYONE HAS WAY-TOO MANY BEAUTI-FUL MEMORIES.

NOW...

ISN'T IT TIME FOR US TO MAKE SOME MEMORIES FOR THEM?

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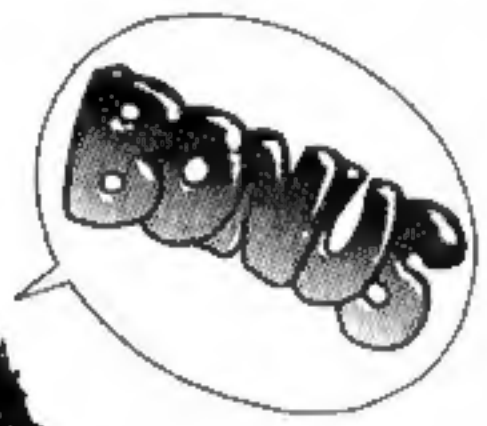

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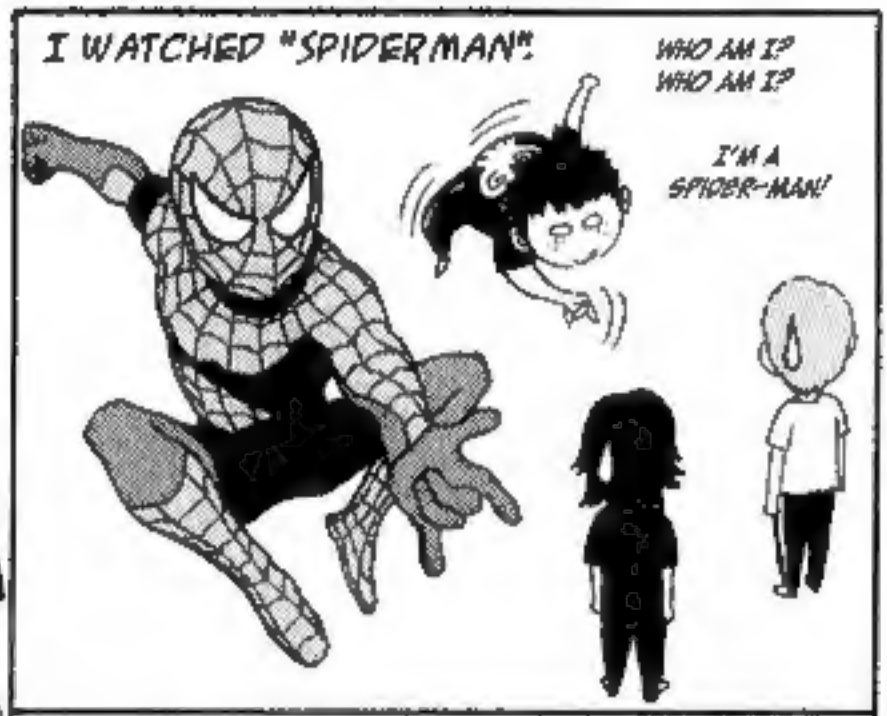
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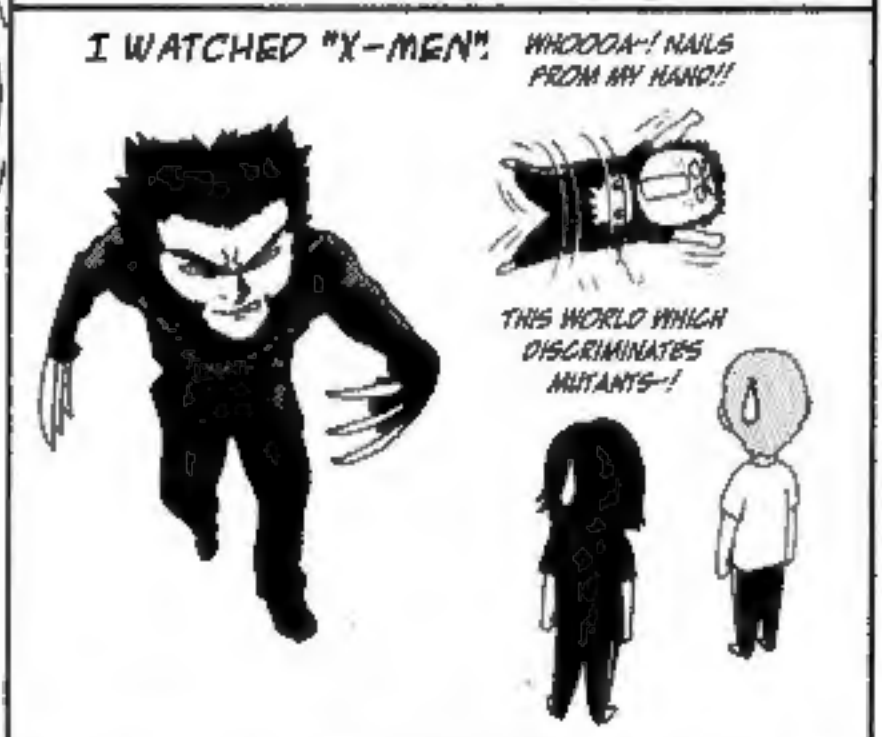
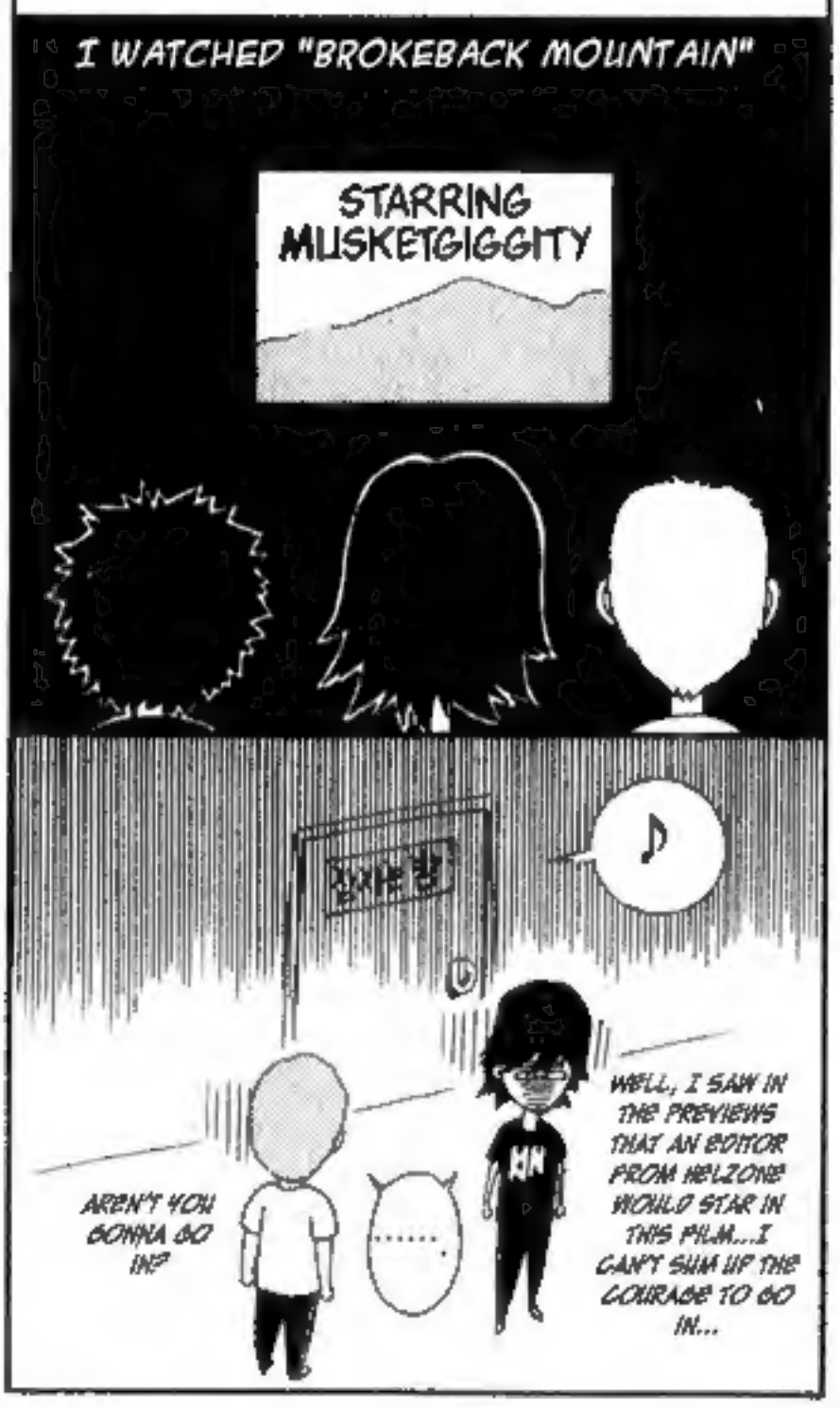
WHO AM I? WHO AM I?
I'M A SPIDER-MAN!


I WATCHED "X-MEN".
WHOOOA~! NAILS FROM MY HAND!!
THIS WORLD WHICH DISCRIMINATES MUTANTS~!


I WATCHED "BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN"
STARRING MUSKETGIGGITY
ARE'NT YOU GONNA GO IN?
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WELL, I SAW IN THE PREVIEWS THAT AN EDITOR FROM HELZONE WOULD STAR IN THIS FILM...I CAN'T SUM UP THE COURAGE TO GO IN...

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